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Take me out to the ball game



Cpl Darren Lampman, an Aerospace Telecommunications Technician with 17 Wing Telecommunications Information Systems leaps to catch a ball just inches out of his reach. Top: Col Howden, WComd, stands behind home plate waiting to catch the opening pitch, but Cindy Reid, the Director of Human Resources for the Prairies has other plans.

Record numbers participate

The annual Wing Chief Warrant Officer's/ Public Service slo-pitch tournament took place on June 20, 2008 with a record number of 33 participating.

Due to the overwhelming response, slo-pitch games were played on the Silver Heights, Boeing and Building 90 diamonds.

Teams played slo-pitch throughout the morning and then proceeded to the Bldg 90 parking lot for the barbecue, refreshments and the opportunity to win numerous prizes.

The WORriors were chosen as the most spirited team in the tournament.

Thank you to those who assisted in making this annual event such a huge success, and to all the members who attended. We look forward to seeing everyone out next year.

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Canada's longest-serving AEC retires after 45 years

By 2Lt Cameron Hillier

On June 13, 2008, the Canadian Forces will bade adieu to 61 year old Capt Gerry W. MacLellan, Aerospace Controller (AEC).

After a remarkable military career that began 45 years ago, the Canadian Forces' (CF) longest serving AEC was flown near his residence in Lawrencetown, Nova Scotia in the CF's longest serving aircraft, the CH-124 Sea King.

12 Wing Operations organized the flight as a training exercise and MacLellan's inclusion was a surprise to the retiree.

He was in the tower serving his last shift on June 10 as LCol Jeffrey Tasseron, 12 Wing Operations Officer arrived with a flight vest and helmet to escort the good Captain home.

"He will be missed," stated Capt Chris Muise, Air Traffic Control Standards and Training Officer, "He holds a lot of invaluable corporate knowledge and we draw upon that a lot. To us, he is Volume 1."

The regular compulsory retirement age in the CF is 60, however, Capt MacLellan received an extension last year.

With that extension soon expiring he has been looking to keep busy after he reluctantly hangs up his headset.

"I would love to stay," exclaimed Cap MacLellan, "I love the job, the people and the camaraderie I have with my crew."

Retirement also means he will not see the completion of 12 Wing's transition to the new CH-148 Cyclone.

Looking from his perch within the tower to the northwest, he can see the framework of the new facilities being built to house and service the most advanced maritime helicopter in existence.

"I will miss the opportunity to control the new aircraft," stated Capt MacLellan, "It's something I would have liked to do."

His military career began at the age of 16 with the militia and later commissioned to Air Traffic Control in 1970.



WO Williams saluted Capt MacLellan and LCol Tasseron following the Sea King's landing in a field near Capt MacLellan's home.

Capt MacLellan recalls his tour in North American Defense (NORAD) Headquarters as one of his best experiences in the military that garnered several citations and a US Armed Forces ribbon.

"It was a great working environment with a lot of high-powered, detailed people. It was a challenge to stay ahead there and it felt great to meet that challenge," recalled Capt MacLellan.

When asked what's next,

Capt MacLellan was uncertain at the time, but what he does know is that he will be doing something whether it's continuing to work with the AEC profession or maintaining one of his hobbies.

"I practice upholstery

and enjoy working on my antique furniture," said Capt MacLellan.

With no actual retirement age in mind, Capt MacLellan said he plans to be in the workforce for a long time yet to come.

New Chief of the Defense Staff assumes command

Canadian Forces

Gen Walt Natynczyk is officially the new Chief of the Defence Staff for the Canadian Forces.

General Natynczyk was given the top command in a ceremony at Uplands presided over by Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor

General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada. Prime Minister Stephen Harper, as well as Minister of National Defence Peter MacKay attended the July 2, 2008 ceremony.

"We are torn between sadness at bidding farewell to a general whom we greatly admire and joy at welcoming as the head of the

Canadian Forces a generous man and a fine officer," said the Governor General.

"These emotions speak volumes of the respect that we have for them both. A respect that resonates at all levels of Canada's military, from myself as commander-in-chief to soldiers of every rank and stripe to their families," she added.

"The Canadian Forces have the important and challenging responsibility of protecting Canada and Canadians and contributing to international stability," said Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

"It is critical that they have a Chief of Defence Staff that offers strong leadership and expertise."

"General Natynczyk has

the extensive knowledge and experience necessary to ensure our Canadian Forces continue their fine work into the future," said Minister

of National Defence Peter MacKay.

General Natynczyk takes over as Chief of the Defence Staff from General Rick

Hillier, who assumed leadership in February 2005. General Hillier is retiring from the Canadian Forces after 35 years of dedicated service.



Gen Rick Hillier (right), outgoing CDS, and Governor General Michaëlle Jean look on as Gen Walt Natynczyk, CDS, takes over command of the Canadian Forces.

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Pride and determination

Celebrating Canada's 141st birthday in Kandahar

By Capt Sonia Dumouchel-Connock
TFK Kandahar Public Affairs Officer

Kandahar Air Field was transformed today as dashes of red and white were added to the muted dusty beige landscape of the air base.

Canadian military members and civilian staff participated in a variety of Canada Day activities, and carried miniature Canadian flags, played with red Frisbees, and wore red and white shirts and maple leaf temporary tattoos.

The Canada Day festivities began early in the morning with an emotional and heartfelt presentation ceremony at the Task Force Kandahar (TFK) Headquarters monument to fallen soldiers.

A small group of soldiers gathered around Maureen Eykelenboom - mother of medic Cpl Andrew "Boomer" Eykelenboom who was killed by a suicide bomber in August 2006 - and watched as she presented Col Jamie Cade, the Deputy Commander of TFK, with a cheque for \$80,000.



Cpl Dan Inglis (right), a signaller with TFK Communication Information Services Troop, puts the first cut in the Canada Day cake with his bayonet, and then gets cake-cutting assistance from Col Jamie Cade, the Deputy Commander of TFK.

"We in Canada, in our safety, in our beautiful country, in our land of opportunity, we have so much," said Maureen Eykelenboom. "And we need to learn in this world that those to whom much is given, much is expected."

The monies presented were raised by ordinary Canadians.

The funds will be placed in the Afghanistan Assistance Trust Fund, and used for small projects to assist Afghans.

In early 2008, for example, medics treating Afghan villagers in Spin Bol-

dak discovered five-year-old Habibur Rahman who has dolichocephalism - a birth defect resulting in major facial disfigurement.

The medics recommended that money from the fund be used to send Habibur to Karachi, Pakistan, for consultation with specialists. Once these specialists have completed their assessment, further funding will be considered for Habibur's treatment.

"We need to sit back and re-adjust our priorities and say, 'Wow, these are our heroes,'" said Mrs. Eykelenboom of the men and women serving in Afghanistan. "It doesn't take being killed to be a hero -- it takes being willing to help those in need."

In addition to providing an opportunity to reflect both on the importance of the Canadian effort in Afghanistan and on what makes Canada and Canadians great, the Canada Day celebrations at KAF were also a much-needed opportunity to kick back and enjoy the company of friends and colleagues.

Members of TFK enjoyed BBQ and cold drinks on the boardwalk, and had their photos taken in front of the Grey Cup (which was in KAF accompanied by Rough Rider alumni and Hall-of-Famers Roger Aldag and Steve Mazurak.) A giant Canada Day cake was

brought out, eliciting cheers from the crowd, a lot of photo taking, and an impromptu, cacophonous rendering of "Happy Birthday."

"As I walked around the boardwalk with my mother and looked at everyone talking and enjoying themselves, I was filled with a lot of pride about being Canadian," says Cpl Sonya Haskell, who works in the Joint Task Force Afghanistan All Source Intelligence Cell (ASIC). Her mother, Cdr Bonita Thornton, is also in theatre and holds the position of Task Force Kandahar Senior Legal Advisor.

"We enjoy watching sports as a family - and it was great fun to have my photo taken with my mom and the Grey Cup," said Cpl Haskell.

As evening set in, Canadians rallied to New Canada House, where the two-person beer call was held and comedian Mike MacDonald regaled the crowd with a comedy performance. After a few hours of enjoying the beverages and the company of comrades, it was back to the boardwalk for the final Canada Day event - a concert by country singer George Canyon.

Before the first song was even played, however, the telltale whistling sound and subsequent bang of a rocket impacting the ground was heard - but the festivities continued undeterred in the concrete blast shelters.

Though it was not George Canyon's first visit to KAF, it was his first rocket attack.

The event was suitably marked by inscribing the concrete wall of the shelter by lighter-light.

He wrote: "First rocket attack! The show goes on!! Coward Bastard Taliban!!"

After the all clear was given, the show did indeed go on.

"It was the best Canada Day ever!," said Sgt Ma-



Maureen Eykelenboom (left), mother of medic Cpl Andrew "Boomer" Eykelenboom, presented a cheque for \$80,000 to Col Jamie Cade. The money will go to the Afghanistan Assistance Trust Fund and will be used for small projects and to assist individual Afghans in need.

randa Robertson, an analyst working in the Information Operations cell.

"I haven't been to many concerts, so being 10 feet from the stage was amazing. When I met George, I was star struck."

The band played a number of songs from the singer's classics album as well as many country standards.

When the Johnny Cash classic Ring of Fire was played, the audience sang along and the speakers were turned up so our insurgent neighbours could also partake in our Canada Day merriment.

Before the concert, and at the jam session held on July 2, the troops were invited to hang out with Canyon and the members of his band.

"The whole band was really down-to-earth," says Sgt Robertson.

"They all just seemed so happy to be able to come here and put on a show for the soldiers. That means a lot. It's nice to know that people back home support us and appreciate the hard work we are doing here."

During the day's festivities, the work of colleagues in the field during Canada Day was not far from mind.

"Many spent the day engaged with the enemy in remote places around Afghanistan," says Capt Peter J. Boyle, a Calgary Highlander attached to the National Support Element and one of the organizers for the Canada Day festivities.

"Their efforts in providing security so that the Afghan people will be able to build a nation with democratic principals is the true reason to celebrate on Canada Day."



Singer George Canyon signs the concrete blast shelter wall by lighter-light during the rocket attack on Canada Day.

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Respite housing offers a home away from home

By OCdt Fadel Ferliz

It is a family affair wrapped up in team spirit.

The first of two respite housing units was opened at 10:30 hrs on Monday 23 June 2008.

Wing Commander Col Howden cut the ribbon with PO2 Mark Lance, Single Quarters Manager.

Respite housing is for military families who need a place to stay, a home away from home.

Respite housing is in support of operational requirements where CF members and their families may need to be housed for compassionate, medical or humanitarian reasons.

For example, if you have an appointment with a doctor or a health care professional and you need a place to stay, you can lodge in RH where

all the comfort of home is provided at no cost to you.

There were many personnel on hand for the ceremony, including those who play a vital role in the health and recovery of CF members and support their families.

Among those attending the ceremony was LCdr Bonnie Mason incoming 17

Wing Chaplain; LCol Brodeur the Wing Admin Officer; Colleen Ridley, CFHA Manager; Frank Emond, DCSA Detachment Assistant Manager, and many others who care for the welfare of CF members.

For more information contact Capt Eric Rheume at (204) 833 2500 Ext 5863.



The unit is furnished to give CF members and their families a sense of home.



Wing Chief Glenn Wallace, Wing Commander Col Scott Howden and PO2 Mark Lance officially open the first respite housing unit on June 23.

New WSup and Food Svcs Officer

Submitted by 2Lt J.L. Henderson
A/MCO

With the warm weather comes a warm felt goodbye and an eager new face to 17 WSup & Food Svcs, as the outgoing WSup & Foods Svcs O, Maj A.W. Dunkerley relinquished command to Capt K.R. McCharles.

Maj Dunkerley said his goodbyes after three years as the WSup & Foods Svcs O, and three years at 1 Canadian Air Division with the Air Force Support Capability (AFSC) Project.

Maj Dunkerley is in his 20th year with the CF, and is moving on to Ottawa to ADM (Mat)/DGMSSC/DMPP 7, to a strategic level of command within the Logistics Branch.

Maj Dunkeley thanked 17 Wing Logistics & Engineering Branch members personally Friday, 4 July 08, for their efforts.

Busy, yet successful describes the last three years as Maj Dunkerley coordinated



LCol W.A. Watson, WLEO, oversees a change of position within the 17 Wing Logistics and Engineering Branch. Capt K.R. McCharles, to his right, signs as the incoming 17 Wing Supply & Foods Services Officer (WSup & Foods Svcs O), while Maj A.W. Dunkerley, to his left, relinquishes his position as the outgoing WSup & Foods Svcs O.

all materials and equipment needed to supply all units and squadrons in Winnipeg.

With an upwards Op Tempo, this is no easy task, and requires a dependable, hard working team as was recognized by Maj Dunkerley as he shook hands with

Logistics and Engineering Branch members.

Capt McCharles has taken charge as the new face of WSup & Foods Svcs O, and can be seen eagerly greeting his team as Maj Dunkerley hands over task after task, and file after file.

Capt McCharles is in his 11th year of service and served previously as the Logistics Support Officer at 402 Squadron.

Capt McCharles brings a good, tactical understand-

ing and knowledge of 17 Wing Operations, and will carry on seamlessly where Maj Dunkerley relinquished command.

The 17 Wing Logistics and Engineering Branch has the feel of one large family and while we wish Maj Dunkerley the best in Ottawa, and expect to hear from him in the future; we also welcome Capt McCharles and look forward to a bright future at 17 WSup & Foods Svcs.



Successful completion

Col Jacques Poitras, Canadian Forces Public Affairs Branch Advisor, presents Cadet Instructor Cadre Officer, Lt(N) Sandra Olson, with the Public Affairs Branch cap badge in recognition of her graduation from the Reserve Basic Public Affairs Officers Course on June 27. She is among 12 Reserve Force Officers who graduated from the 10 month long course that involves a combination of distance on-line learning and in house training. The course is open to all reservists that are employed in the public affairs function. Lt(N) Olson is the Public Affairs Officer and Human Rights Advisor for Regional Cadet Support Unit (Prairie Region) headquartered in Winnipeg. The Cadet Instructor Cadre is the largest officer occupation in the CF and will celebrate its centenary in 2009.

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Civilian Performance Planning and Review model

WPSO Corner

By Mary Jane Fisher
Learning Advisor

Do your employees understand what you expect of them? Do your employees know how well they are performing? Do your employees have what they need to improve their performance?

I am delighted to write about the Civilian Performance Planning and Review format, which, I think, is an excellent model.

This is a 2-part article. Part 1 is an overview of the CPPR model.

Part 2 will discuss the Personal Learning Plan and benefits of the CPPR to management and staff members.

I like the name Civilian Performance Planning and Review, specifically the reference to planning and review.

Nowhere do I see or hear reference to performance evaluation, conjuring up a possible negative tone.

Instead, the CPPR model

requires a meeting to mutually discuss planning and setting goals, which results in setting performance expectations and identifying any gaps that need to be filled to achieve the expectations. It is a process.

The review is ongoing and continuous, with a focus on communication, and with a major thrust on achieving results.

It redirects us from busy work to effectiveness. It provides accurate and clear feedback on performance.

The CPPR model emphasizes that performance is not only a function of the employee, it also applies to the organization, its processes, programs, products or services, special projects, and teams.

The model is simple. It has four phases which occur during an ongoing twelve month cycle.

Phase one is the Planning stage where work objectives and their measurement criteria are established and recorded, usually at the beginning of the review period.

Phase two is Feedback.

Phase three is a Formal Review.

Phase four is the reporting and monitoring phase, which I will not be discussing in this article.

Basically, the CPPR model involves a meeting between manager/supervisor and employee to plan employee learning objectives and then having another meeting at the end of the year time-frame to review the result of those plans; however, Phase 2, Feedback, permeates both these phases, anchoring continuous communication between manager/supervisor and employee.

Feedback is an entire phase in this model, ongoing throughout the year, promoting the existence of a collaborative, participative process.

The feedback, either supportive or corrective, is used from a positive perspective. Indeed, supportive feedback acknowledging successful and effective behaviour is positive, however, corrective feedback likewise has a focus of optimism.

This occurs because the

manager/supervisor uses I statements, describes behaviour instead of using judgment calls, and allows for employee clarification and input.

The feedback is immediate and timely, including corrective action that is attainable for the employee within a specific timeframe. There is mutual commitment to succeed and move forward.

The model has assumptions.

It assumes that relationship building is occurring between manager/supervisor and employee.

The relationship building is achieved because the Civilian Performance Planning and Review model also assumes that two-way open communication exists between manager/supervisor and employee.

The model promotes the idea of helping employees to excel at what they do best, a strength challenge

In addition, the model assumes that the role of a manager/supervisor includes that of coach, actively involved

in helping, supporting, demonstrating, and sharing his/her knowledge and experience with employees.

How does the CPPR model work? The manager/supervisor sets work goals and objectives that he/she would like to achieve in his/her unit during the next fiscal year.

Such goals and objectives are aligned to those of the organization.

A meeting is arranged with each individual employee to discuss and mutually decide how that employee can achieve the goals and objectives expected of him/her, discerning any barrier that the employee might have to goal achievement and how it could be overcome.

The meeting gives both the manager/supervisor and the employee the opportunity to discuss future work plans the employee may have for her/himself and potential work opportunities the manager/supervisor might have for that employee.

Discussion can occur about where employees see

themselves in relation to the organization, to the stated goals and objectives, and how they can achieve the goals, a potential link to retention and succession planning.

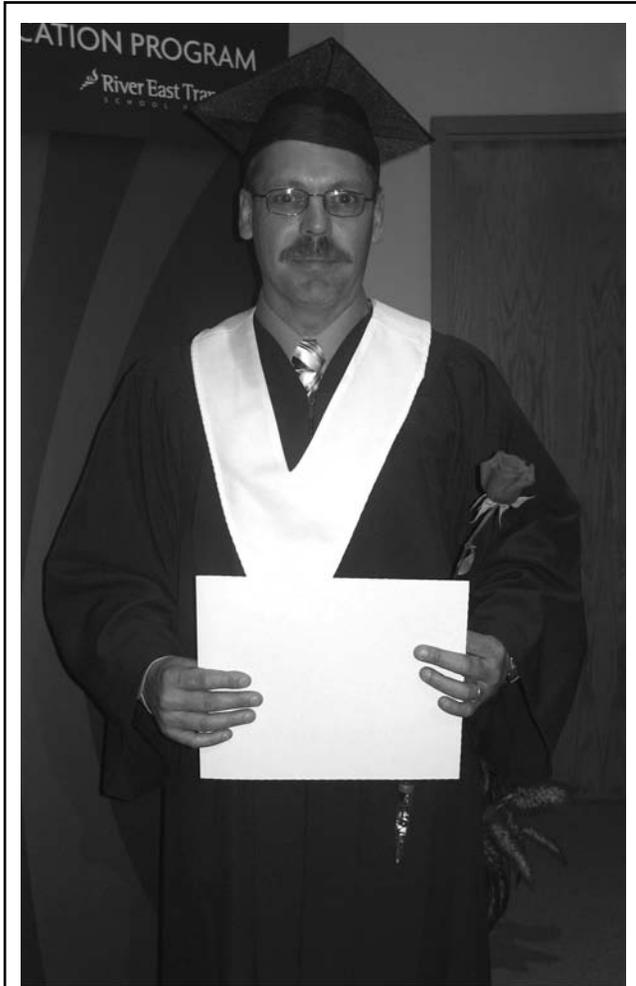
It can result in employees feeling connected to a larger purpose in their work.

This is Phase 1, the Planning Phase. Phase 2, Feedback, is ongoing throughout the year.

The Civilian Performance Planning and Review model asks that goals be S.M.A.R.T.; that they be specific, measurable, attainable, results-based, and within a time-frame.

Examples of goals and/or objectives set could be to have all employees trained in a specific area such as a new computer program, to have a number of less customer complaints, a number of more services completed, or a number/percentage of projects completed on time or on budget.

Part two of this article will be in the August 27, 2008 issue of Voxair.



Mature student diploma

WO Mario Amyot received his mature student diploma, June 24, 2008 at the River East Transcona School Division Adult Education Program graduation ceremony. He accomplished this achievement by a combination of Prior Learning Assessment and challenging the Math Exam through the Mature Student Diploma Program offered on site at 17 Wing in partnership with the McLeod Adult Learning Centre from River East Transcona School Division. Anyone wishing further information on this program can contact either Wing Ground Training or Michelle Stephenson at the Learning and Career Centre.



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Gen Henault recognized with leadership award

On July 4, the Manitoba Branch of the Royal Military Colleges Club of Canada was pleased to announce General R.R. (Ray) Henault, CMM CD, as the 2008 recipient of the Birchall Leadership Award.

The Birchall Leadership Award honours the memory of Air Commodore Leonard J. Birchall, CM, OBE, DFC, OO, CD, the Saviour of Ceylon, distinguished RMC cadet, career officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force, former Commandant of RMC, Honorary Colonel of 413 Squadron (until his death in September 2004), and Vice Patron of the Royal Military Colleges Club of Canada.

Instituted in 2005, the Birchall Leadership Award recognizes integrity, responsibility, and moral courage in an individual.

Gen Henault was born and raised in Manitoba, served as former Canadian Forces Chief of Defence Staff, and serves as outgoing Chairman of the NATO Military Committee (CMC).

Since joining the Canadian Forces in 1968, Gen Henault has demonstrated a total commitment to the defence and security of Canada, and to that of the international community throughout his 40-year military career.

In perhaps the most difficult and challenging years since Canada and NATO countries committed to the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in support of the Government and Leadership of Afghanistan; the role of NATO CMC been critical to the success of the mission.

It is with respect to his arduous work, dedication and strong leadership that Gen Henault is being honoured with the Birchall Leadership Award.

The award will be presented by the Royal Military Colleges Club of Canada (Manitoba Branch) in early 2009.

FGH members get to know KAF

By MCpl Greg Rutledge, TF1-08
Fort Garry Horse Regiment Winnipeg

This is the second in a series of articles by MCpl Rutledge. He writes about his experiences being deployed to KAF.

February 14 was an interesting day. All of the gunners from our platoon went out to Tarnak Farms to do a Remote Weapons System (RWS) range, to practice using the gun platform in the RG-31s that we will be using while on convoy operations.

The range was run by the second French Force Protection platoon, whom will be leaving soon, and was quite fun. We fired our rifles, the RWS, M-203 (rifle mounted grenade launcher), and M-72s (shoulder fired rockets). The best news of the day was the temperature, it was almost 20 degrees and sunny, which is a welcome change. The unfortunate part was I forgot my camera, so I didn't get any pictures.

The last two weeks have kept all of us very busy. We are well into our Defence and Security (DnS) routine, and are doing quite well running the gate into KAF.

Our platoon has been

commended by several of our higher commanders for doing an excellent job, which is good to hear because DnS can be a very under appreciated job at times.

While continuing to do DnS, our platoon has begun going on convoys as well.

I went out on a convoy last week, and it was a very interesting experience. Our convoy took us into Kandahar City, and was very eye opening into the lifestyle of the local nationals.

So far for most of us, our contact with the Afghans has been limited to the interpreters who work for us, and the locals who are employed on the camp that come through our checkpoint every day.

Kandahar City was nothing like I expected. Most of the buildings were only one story, with only a few neighborhoods in the downtown area having two to three story buildings, very few of which look new. Of all the buildings in the city, 95 per cent were of mud brick construction, and there was garbage everywhere.

I didn't truly understand the poverty of Afghanistan until I saw it for myself. Most of the vehicles in the city were old, and every-

thing was dirty.

There is a very fine grayish white dust that covers everything, and is kicked up by anything that moves.

The city was quite busy, with both people and vehicles everywhere. The markets were full of people out shopping, and children were running around and playing everywhere.

Mostly everyone stopped to look as we passed, and the children all waved and gave us thumbs up. I don't know if they saw me wave back from inside our RG-31.

All of the locals know that when convoys are coming though, they are to get out of the way, which they all did. I wish people would do that for me when I'm driving back home.

Driving through the countryside was a little different. We went through several villages, all of which are built from the same mud-brick materials.

The area around Kandahar has a lot of small mountains and large hills, and was kind of beautiful in a way. I look forward to going out on the road again soon.

Another bit of good news is that over the past three to four days, the weather has

changed for the better. It is not nearly as cold in the mornings anymore, and the afternoons are quite warm.

We don't have any thermometers at the gate, but I would guess its been around 15 to 20 degrees for the past few afternoons. It's nice to be able to walk around in shorts and a t-shirt in mid-February, although I might not be enjoying the heat as much come June.

The warm weather was perfect for my first trip to the bazaar today, which is set up every Saturday in KAF. It was interesting. You could buy everything from rifles, to swords and shields.

There were several dozen stands that sell pottery, tea sets, local style clothing, knives, watches, cigarettes, carpets, and much more.

I only spent a half hour there and didn't buy anything, but from what I understand most of the merchandise is of decent quality and fairly priced, if you want to bargain with the merchants. A lot of our guys are buying rugs, pocketknives, and DVDs. I'll have plenty of opportunity to go back over the next seven or so months to buy all kinds of souvenirs.

Stamps to raise funds

By Alf Brooks

Stamps are primarily for postage, but they can also be used to raise money for specific purposes; such issues are called semi-postals.

China has issued a stamp that has a postage value of approximately 17

cents but sells for 32 cents. 13 million of the stamps have been printed, with all proceeds to be donated to aid for those in the disaster area.



Regional Gliding School (Prairie) has a new commanding officer

By Lt Leslie Howard
Unit Public Affairs

LCol Dean Gillrie relinquished command of the Regional Gliding School (Prairie) to LCol Stephen Bannister at a Change of Command Ceremony in Gimli, MB., July 3.

LCol Gillrie was appointed to the position of Commanding Officer in 2005, and will now become the Deputy Region Cadet Operations Officer and Chief Flying Instructor at the Gliding School.

LCol Gillrie reflected on his three years in command, "We have re-organized the air section with the inclusion of LCol Bannister, making a stronger more flexible air operations centre. I've truly enjoyed my time in this position and the many excellent people I've had the chance to work with," he said.

The ceremony was presided over by LCol Mike



From left: outgoing Commanding Officer (CO) for the Regional Gliding School (RGS), LCol Dean Gillrie, LCol Mike Milligan, CO, Regional Cadet Support Unit (Prairie) presiding, incoming CO for RGS, LCol Stephen Bannister

Milligan, Commanding Officer of the Regional Cadet Support Unit (Prairie).

He thanked LCol Gillrie for both the significant role he played in the development of thousands of air cadets in Prairie Region and for maintaining the safest cadet aircraft fleet in the country.

After the signing of the Change of Command certifi-

cates, LCol Milligan spoke highly of LCol Bannister and the experiences he will bring to the organization as the Commanding Officer. "LCol Bannister brings a wealth of operational, staff and Command experience to the Regional Cadet Air Operations organization," said LCol Milligan. "I look forward to the fresh insights

he will bring in making an already great organization even better."

LCol Bannister stated that LCol Gillrie had done an amazing job and that he was looking forward to being part of such a well run establishment.

Prior to this position, LCol Bannister was the senior staff officer for Air Operations Training in the Air Force Training Directorate at 1 Canadian Air Division in Winnipeg, MB.

The Regional Gliding School (Prairie) is one of five gliding centres across Canada. Gliding Centres are an integral part of the Air Cadet flying program.

Most operate during the spring, summer and fall, offering familiarization flights, Glider Pilot Scholarships and Introduction to Aviation courses to selected cadets as part of the Air Cadet flying program.



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Band ensembles are diverse

By Aircom Band PR Department

The Air Command Band is a full-time, thirty-five piece ensemble that performs throughout Canada and abroad. The role of this multifaceted organization is to provide musical support to the Canadian Forces, all levels of government and various public functions, including public concerts, parades, ceremonial occasions, official dinners, dances and receptions.

The ensemble dates back to 1946 when Carl Friberg, a wartime bandmaster from Vancouver, was invited to form a professional band for The Royal Canadian Air Force No. 2 Training Command. The group was located in Edmonton and operational by the next year. Stationed in Winnipeg since 1964, the Air Command Band continues to provide musical services with a variety of ensembles, including the Concert Band, the Stage Band, the Marching Band, and various chamber ensembles.

The band travels extensively, bringing superb music and exciting entertainment to audiences throughout Canada, the United States and Europe. This world class ensemble performs at commemorative events, high profile ceremonies, and at international music festivals and tattoos. The band also provides musical support for a variety of fundraising events. Many of Canada's registered charitable organizations have benefited from performances by this outstanding ensemble.



The brass quintet performs at the Kiwanis Courts.

There are a number of smaller chamber ensembles inside the larger Air Command Band. These chamber ensembles perform well in and are best suited to venues where space is limited – and they are ideal where a more intimate atmosphere is desirable. They are also diverse in their instrumentation and repertoire. The Brass Quintet, Woodwind Quintet, and Dixieland Band all provide music from Mozart and Wagner to New Orleans-style jazz.

The Woodwind Quintet is comprised of a flute, an oboe, a clarinet, a bassoon and a French horn. It has a gentle, soft sound, but it can also produce a very large sound as well: its acoustic range varies from a bare whisper to a fanfare. This amazingly flexible ensemble has the ability to blend five very distinct instrumental voices into one unified sound.

The Brass Quintet, with its 2 trumpets, french horn, trombone and tuba, can produce a much louder sound, and easily blends the sonorities of its brass instruments into one large sound. This very homogenous ensemble – comprised entirely of brass instruments – has the ability

to perform blaring fanfares and rousing marches, and can even perform transcriptions such as organ music with surprising ease.

The Jazz Quartet consists of a rhythm section (piano, electric bass and drums) and a solo horn, typically a sax or trombone. It is a highly collaborative effort between four different instruments and is brought to life by the spontaneous improvisation of its musicians.

The Dixieland Band Sextet is a tribute to the music of New Orleans and early 20th century jazz. Specializing in ragtime, spirituals and “Dixie”, the interplay of its clarinet, trumpet, saxophone, trombone, tuba and drums will have the audience's toes tapping and heads nodding.

These small ensemble no-fee concerts are provided as a service to the larger community; they take place in venues such as personal care and assisted living facilities, as well as more public venues such as the Botanical Conservatory at Winnipeg's Assiniboine Park.

For more information, please contact us directly by telephone at (204) 833-2500, ext. 5182 – or visit our website. <http://www.airforce.forces.ca/acband>

NORAD Stamp cancellation

By Karen Christiuk

The North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD) has worked with Canada Post to develop a unique stamp cancellation to celebrate the 50th anniversary of NORAD.

“A stamp cancellation is a mark placed on a stamp by a postal authority to show that it has been used,” explains Capt Steve Neta, Public Affairs Officer for 1 Canadian Air Division/Canadian NORAD Region Headquarters. “Stamp cancellations are of interest to collectors and to anyone who wants an inexpensive souvenir of NORAD. It's also a unique way to celebrate five decades of NORAD—the longest-standing military agreement between Canada and the United States.”

The circular design of the stamp cancellation features the 50th anniversary of NORAD logo, showing the crossed flags of Canada and the United States. The anniversary slogan “Guarding what you value most,” appears underneath the logo in English and French.

Throughout 2008, Canadians can bring their post-



2Lt Jordan Woodman gets a NORAD 50th anniversary stamp cancellation from Canada Post employee Paul Pelletier at the main Winnipeg post office.

age-stamped mail to the main Winnipeg post office at 266 Graham Avenue, or to the Ottawa Station B post office at 59 Sparks Street, and request that their envelope be cancelled with the NORAD anniversary cancellation mark. The two post offices were chosen because the Canadian NORAD Region Headquarters is located in Winnipeg, while Ottawa is home to the National Defence Headquarters.

“The NORAD stamp cancellation is one of several activities taking place in Canada and the United States to mark the 50th anniversary of NORAD,” says Capt Neta. “Some other

larger events have included a public celebration in Winnipeg and a time capsule ceremony at the main NORAD Headquarters in Colorado Springs. Canadians should also keep their eyes out for the commemorative NORAD display at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto, the Abbotsford Air Show and the Halifax International Air Show.”

For more information about the 50th anniversary of NORAD please see www.norad.mil/50

For information about collecting cancels please see <http://www.canadapost.ca/personal/collecting/default.asp?stamp=cancels>.



Top performer

LCol Young presents MCpl Teresa Desgagne with the Top Performer Award for the Combined Aerospace Operations Center. She is an Aerospace Control Operator with more than 20 years in the Canadian Forces. She has displayed outstanding organizational and leadership skills during the second quarter of 2008. MCpl Desgagne embodies the qualities and organizational skills valued by managers and commanders alike.

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2 PPCLI Reconnaissance Platoon up to the task

By Cpl P.J. Nadasdy
2 PPCLI BG Reconnaissance Platoon

Following a busy month in March, Reconnaissance (Recce) Platoon moved back to Kandahar Air Field (KAF) for a rest, for vehicle maintenance and for some refresher training. Recce Platoon then moved to FOB Frontenac to help C Company conduct operations throughout the Arghandab and Sha-Walikot region.

Everyone in the platoon was looking forward to the upcoming recce tasks.

We conducted our first patrol task with the help of an Afghan National Police (ANP) unit and a small element of engineers, conducting road recces and wadi recces for possible weapons caches and transit routes.

We worked our way towards villages in the area in order to conduct meetings with key community leaders.

Upon completion of the

recce and meetings, elements of the platoon departed the leaguer to set-up observation posts (OP) for the night. This was our first real recce task and we were looking forward to the chance to conduct reconnaissance operations.

We walked to the top of a mountain for the night and set up our OPs looking out onto possible enemy infiltration routes through the wadis, which we had observed earlier in the day.

Later in the night, a detachment left to conduct a patrol to get eyes on a possible village about four kilometers from the OP's position.

After a long walk through some tough, hilly terrain, they reached their objective and set-up observation on the suspected village.

Following this task, we moved back to a Forward Operating Base (FOB) for rest and recovery as we had another patrol just around

the corner.

For our next patrol task, we worked with the same attachments.

We rolled from village to village along the Arghandab River conducting meetings with community leaders.

We conducted quick ford recces of the Arghandab River for future consideration, stopping just before last light to set-up our leaguer. A patrol was sent out that night to conduct an observation post on a key village to assess pattern of life during the night with snipers positioned in over-watch.

The following day, the Platoon conducted much of the same tasks as the day prior.

That night, another patrol was launched in order to assess pattern of life in another village.

The following day, we conducted a few more community meetings and then headed back to the FOB.

On our return to the FOB, we got called to an ANP checkpoint to deal with a possible improvised explosive device or IED.

Our engineer assets successfully located the IED, the site was cordoned, we waited for counter-IED to arrive and then the IED was promptly dealt with.

The C-IED team successfully retrieved the IED and brought it back for further analysis.

This concluded our three-day patrol and we finally headed back to the FOB for some more rest and recovery, as our pace was not about to slow down.

Upon arriving at the FOB, we got word we would



Cpl Ashley Degelman (left) and Capt Steve Davies, Reconnaissance Platoon Commander, on patrol in the Arghandab District.

be staying for another week to conduct more patrols.

After a couple days of rest, we headed out with the same crew to conduct a meeting in a less than supportive village.

We successfully completed this task as well as a dismounted presence patrol through the village.

The patrol then headed towards an ANP checkpoint where we conducted a patrol with the ANP to a couple of suspected Taliban compounds.

The patrol was completed without incident just before last light. We set up a leaguer and manned our weapons with extra roving patrols through the night due to the close proximity of adjacent compounds near the ANP checkpoint.

The next morning we headed back to the FOB before our next patrol.

Recce Platoon departed on another patrol; this time we moved to a district cen-

tre and operated out of this location for the next couple of days.

We conducted day patrols along the Arghandab River looking for possible crossing sites.

The platoon successfully found a few crossing sites along the river.

We also did a route recce with engineer assets, clearing the road with dismounts, and checked the status of ANP checkpoints in the area to confirm their existence.

On our final night in the district centre, we conducted a dismounted presence patrol into a village along the river.

The patrol moved under the cover of darkness to the village, crossing numerous creeks and rivers.

We arrived at the village wet and tired but with high spirits.

We completed the task and headed back to the leaguer.

Once the patrol was back

in the leaguer, we headed back to the district centre for some forced rest and then moved back to the FOB.

It was a fast couple of weeks up in Arghandab.

We had an excellent opportunity to do some reconnaissance tasks and see the area.

We headed back to KAF for a few days and received orders to move to a Patrol Base to conduct dismounted patrolling tasks with B Company.

The weather was extremely hot but the Platoon did very well as we patrolled through villages in Panjwayi.

Following the patrols, we spent a couple of days at the patrol base before returning to KAF to prepare for our next bound.

Recce Platoon has had a busy two months but it has had a good time conducting dismounted patrols and some good reconnaissance tasks.



An RG-31 from Reconnaissance Platoon conducts over-watch in Arghandab District.

Platoon members operate radio rebroadcast station

By 2 PPCLI BG RRB Det

The majority of Signals Platoon has been employed at the Battle Group Tactical Operations Center at Kandahar Air Field (KAF); however, some elements of the platoon were sent to a nearby forward operating base (FOB) to operate a radio rebroadcast (RRB) station.

This station is home to Signals Platoon's MCpl Lucier and his crew, Cpl McDermot-Fouts, Cpl Booth, and Cpl Murphy. The RRB station has hosted other Signals detachments and line-man as well as the Battle

Group CO's crew when it operates outside of KAF. In addition to the RRB, Signals Platoon also provides security personnel for a paving project based at our FOB.

Our FOB is fairly developed despite being one of the newest bases. The FOB has a weight room and the signallers at the RRB have built themselves a workout area with a pull up bar and other basic equipment. The FOB has hot showers and the kitchen provides two fresh meals a day; field rations for supper. The RRB crew has become friendly with its American neighbours and is often treated to

barbecued steaks, ribs, and even lobster tails. The FOB has pets, which includes a cat inherited by the previous RRB crew and the Americans have adopted a local puppy.

Since the handover, there have been many changes to Signals Platoon and the RRB. Pte Murphy was promoted to corporal by the BG CO during one of his visits to the RRB. Other promotions within the platoon include private to Cpl Hobart form Sigs IS. At one point, the RRB crew was pulled back to KAF and reorganized, leaving Cpl McDermot-Fouts as the detachment

commander.

As the Battle Group begins its HLTA cycle, the soldiers of Signals Platoon are preparing to go home to their loved ones or to tour other parts of the world for their holidays. As more and more soldiers depart on their vacations, those left behind are facing new challenges while their jobs shift and change to compensate for the reduction in manning.

The Battle Group has worked hard to build on the success of previous battle groups and will work harder in the months to come. When it comes time to handover to the next rotation,

their returning soldiers will surely be amazed at the ac-

complishments made by the soldiers of Task Force 1-08.



2 PPCLI Signaller Cpl Murphy conducts mast maintenance at one of the Battle Group's FOB communications infrastructure.

Between the arcs

Cpl JDL Moncrieff (T22)
B Squadron, LdSH(RC)

As a gunner, I am constantly assigned with arcs: left of arc; lone hut. Right of arc; group of trees. What is within these arcs is what I am responsible for. So, I have broken this tour into two separate arcs: left of arc; start of tour. Right of arc; start of HLTA, and, left of arc; end of HLTA. Right of arc; end of tour. By the time you read this, my first set of arcs will have been completed. This is what has happened between them:

We arrived in Afghanistan and had about five days at KAF before heading out to Forward Operating Base (FOB) Ma'Sum Ghar. We did our arrival briefings and received our remaining tan kit. During this time, we also attended the ramp ceremony of Trooper Hayakaze. It was a sad time, but it served to bring home the seriousness of this mission. We then hopped on helicopters and were soon at our new home. We were looking forward to getting acquainted with our new digs, especially the soldiers who were here on the last B SQN tour who had slept in tents; however SSM Batty had other plans for us. We were told to drop our kit and head out to the tanks so we could take part in a range. We had spent not even five minutes in the place we had waited so long to get to and we were already out the door. The range went well and we were able to check the accuracy of our guns as well as get some tips from the outgoing squadron.

With the handover complete, we began to assume other responsibilities such as

Quick Reaction Force (QRF) and Defense and Security (D&S). D&S entails manning the run ups that overlook the surrounding area. This task, combined with our observation posts, gives us a 360 degree awareness of our immediate surroundings.

Our first operation took place in mid-March. 1 and 2 Troops traveled west, along with many other Battle Group elements, in support of a Recce Squadron task taking place to our north. For me, the op was uneventful but it was a good opportunity to gain some experience and see more of the country.

The next big event for 2 Troop was its two-week trip to Patrol Base Sperwan Ghar (Sper). The troop enjoyed Sper and the many amenities it offered. While we were there, we participated in a one-day operation, which involved traveling a few kilometers down the Arghandab riverbed to re-supply a Police Sub-Station (PSS).

Another important part of this tour is the new Leopard 2 A6M tanks. So far, we are enjoying them. The tanks are an incredible peace of kit. The features allow us to do our jobs even better, and we are glad to have them.

The first three months of the tour have gone by fast. My first arc will soon end, at which time my crew and I will jockey back to KAF for HLTA and then take up our next firing position and new set of arcs. The experience has been a good one. As a Reservist, I have enjoyed being a part of an operational tank squadron. I'll admit it hasn't always been easy, but the motto of my adoptive regiment, Perseverance, has helped me through.

17 Wing volunteers recognized

On Sunday June 22, 2008, more than 100 of 17 Wing's finest volunteers were honoured for their generous donation of time. They have volunteered tirelessly over the past year for the community and the 17 Wing family.

This year's event took place at Assiniboia Downs, and was once again sponsored by SISIP. The day was a chance for volunteers to be recognized and rewarded for the time they donate to their community. People were asked to nominate co-workers, neighbours and friends from 17 Wing who donate their time as volunteers. Volunteers and their families gathered in a tent set up for the event, and enjoyed a light lunch before special awards presentations were made.

Capt Adeline Rozak was the MC for the event, and introduced the award winners. The Gelinas family was honoured as volunteer family of the year, and individual awards were given to Cathy Roy, Katrina Brooks, Peter Fortin, Brittany Brooks, and Matthew Rakar. Maria Lysack accepted an award on behalf of her late father, Norman Clark, for male volunteer of the year.



From left: Veronica Gelinas, Lance Gelinas, Starlene Gelinas, Selena Gelinas, Peter Fortin, Maria Lysack, Cathy Roy, Katrina Brooks, Don Brennan (MFRC Executive Director), Brittany Brooks, Terry Smith (MFRC Board Chair), CWO Glenn Wallace (Wing CWO), Col Scott Howden (Wing Commander).

The Wing Commander, Col Scott Howden, emphasized that the day was dedicated to the volunteers, and added his congratulations to the winners of the awards.

He pointed out that we are all winners because of the selfless devotion of all of the volunteers, and expressed deep gratitude for everyone's efforts.

He also acknowledged that without the work that volunteers do at 17 Wing, life would be much more difficult.

After the lunch and awards presentations, participants were free to join in the Family Day activities at the

race track. As well, the sixth race of the day was dedicated to the 17 Wing volunteers, and was named The 17 Wing volunteer appreciation purse. The winning horse of that race was number six, Thompson Lake, and was joined in the winner's circle

by all the volunteer award winners, who all received a souvenir photo of the event.

Even with the good turnout this year, the organizers know that there are other volunteers who were not there, but also deserve a great big thank you.



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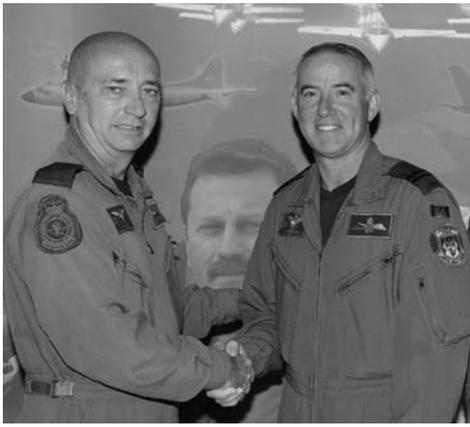
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17 Wing and 1 Cdn Air Div honours and awards

Several members of 17 Wing and 1 Canadian Air Division recently received awards and promotions.



BGen Yvan Blondin presents CWOJF McCluskey with his new rank of Captain.



Col Daniel Edgar presents 2Lt Terry T McCutcheon with a Certificate of Achievement for completing the Officer Professional Military Education Course.



MWO JCP Vezina receives his Canadian Forces Decoration Second Clasp.



MGen Duval, Comd I Cdn Air Div/ CANR presents Capt MK Livingston with her Canadian Forces Decoration.



Maj JLP Deschenes receives the Canadian Forces Decoration Second Clasp.



MWO MN Gaetz receives his Canadian Forces Decoration Second Clasp.



CWO JGP Blackburn receives his CWO Scroll.



Capt TJ Rawlings receives the 1 Canadian Air Division Commander's Commendation.



LCol PK Young receives his retirement certificate. He also received a retirement pin.



Maj WJ Anderson receives his Canadian Forces Decoration First Clasp.



WO JG Brunton receives her Canadian Forces Decoration Second Clasp.



Maj DS Barnby receives the 1 Canadian Air Division Commander's Commendation.



MWO GK Spurrell receives his Canadian Forces Decoration Second Clasp.



WO DR Bouthillette receives the General Service Medal.



Capt JGM Donais receives his Commissioning Scroll.



MCpl E Stark receives the Military Police Winnipeg Air Command Commendation.



LCol B Rousseau receives his Canadian Forces Decoration First Clasp.



Capt RA Hollmayer receives the 1 Canadian Air Division Commander's Commendation.



LCol CMB Robinson receives the General Campaign Star.



Pie Levarre McDonald

LCol Thomas Flynn presents Capt John Edelman with his promotion to Major.



Pie Levarre McDonald

Capt Lawrence Whelan receives his promotion to Major.



Pie Levarre McDonald

BGen Stephen Wilson presents MCpl Desgagne with her promotion to Sergeant as MWO Moran looks on.



Pie Levarre McDonald

Capt Paul Lascelle receives his promotion to Major.



LCol W.A. Watson, WLEO presents Sgt Shelley Matheson with her promotion.



MCpl John Boisclair (Air Movement) receives his promotion.



Maj S.M. Raby, D/WLEO presents MCpl Terrance Grogan (Air Movement) with his retirement certificate.



LCol Mulcair presents MCpl Richard Cameron with the Commander's Commendation.



WLEO LCol W.A. Watson presents MCpl Clara Poirier with her promotion.



MCpl Dan Morin receives his promotion.



Sgt Rich Cameron receives his promotion.



Sgt Wayne Paulin receives his promotion.

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Individuals and team recognized for dedication to sport

On Thursday, 29 May 08, 17 Wing Winnipeg paid tribute to those individuals who, through their tireless efforts, were instrumental in the overall success of the Wing Sports Program this past year.

These individuals have shown a certain level of enthusiasm and dedication to their sport.

The awards presented were given to those members whose performance both on and off the playing surfaces typifies the qualities of professionalism and sportsmanship.

Whether through individual achievements or a concentrated team effort, each recipient clearly displayed outstanding talents in each of their respective fields.

Congratulations to all award winners. We hope that you will continue to strive for personal excellence.

As well, we look forward to your continued involvement within the sports program at 17 Wing Winnipeg.



Male athlete of the year Lt Robert Young

This highly motivated multi-sport athlete, whose tireless dedication toward the Wing sports program has paid huge dividends in 2007-

08. This member helped lead the the 17 Wing slo-pitch team to Praire Regional (PR) slo-pitch where they lost 8-5 to CFB Shilo. His teammates often comment that he throws a hard ball and hits even harder. This was evident when he won the home run contest at the PR slo-pitch championships. He was picked as an augmentee for the CF national slo-pitch championships with CFB Shilo and played a larger role helping guide them to the national championship. The former University of Manitoba golf team member was also named the Officers' Mess golfer of the year. Lt Young participated in the I/S hockey, I/S volleyball, I/S Slo-pitch and I/S golf leagues. His tireless determination and work ethic is a testament to not only 17 Wing, but to the CF in general.



Female athlete of the year OCdt Georgette Mink

Over the past year, OCdt Mink has displayed her dedication toward the CF sports program by representing the CISM running program at various competitions throughout the world.

Without question, this member displays important qualities that set her apart from other athletes. She has been a member of the CISM running program for the last four years and this past October, she competed in the 1500 and 5000 metre events at the fourth Military World Games in India. The former U of M Bison Cross-country MVP earned Canada West first team all-star honors on the track in 2007. She placed fourth in the 3000 at the CIS championships, 10th in the 1,500 and helped the Manitoba 4 x 800 relay team to a fifth place finish. OCdt Mink finished first in the 5 km open women's CF running nationals with 3,691 runners competing. She is currently finishing the medical rehabilitation program at the University of Manitoba enroute to becoming a physiotherapist. Her Bison long distance coach Guy Schulz said, "Mink has a lot of ability but noted the academic all-Canadian makes the most of all she has. She is very dedicated to whatever she does." This member's hard work, dedication and love for the sport is clearly evident both on and off the running surfaces.



Coach of the year Sgt Leon Ledgister

This former coach of the CFB Edmonton ball hockey team arrived at 17 Wing last summer and he has had an immediate impact on the base ball hockey program at Winnipeg. Sgt Ledgister's dedication and personal commitment has helped develop the 17 Wing ball hockey program into the outstanding program that it is today. His leadership and years of experience in the ball hockey world have helped him bring out the best in his players. He has introduced an intense fitness training regime, a stifling penalty killing system and a great team concept that has created a ball hockey program at 17 Wing that players want to play for. This played a pivotal role in leading the 17 Wing ball hockey team to a third place finish at the PR ball hockey championships and the team was nominated as the best run team by the Winnipeg Ball Hockey league for the MBHA's awards banquet. He is currently rephrasing the officials program in the MBHA and he just recently conducted a ball hockey official's course for all member's from the Prairie region. His knowledge and leadership are contagious and second to none. His respectful and professional attitude is clearly shown in each and every player who played for him.

Official of the year Capt Ron Stakes

Capt Stakes is a highly motivated and dedicated official, who has been an active part of the the 17 Wing hockey referee organization. This level five hockey



official has been an active member within the Winnipeg Minor Hockey Officials' Association refereeing junior B and minor hockey in Manitoba. He is a supervisor with Hockey Manitoba and was nominated as chief official of the CF national men's hockey championship. He is a very conscientious and experienced official, who continually strives to improve his performance and those around him. His tireless work and support makes him an integral part of the success of the 17 Wing intersection hockey league.

Team of the year 17 Wing basketball

The 17 Wing Winnipeg basketball continues to be a dominate force in the Prairie region with its stellar play. This is largely due to the



team's hard work and dedication, strong coaching and their winning attitudes. The basketball team went to the PR basketball championships as defending PR champions and they continued their dominance going undefeated through round robin play and earning a bye in to the PR championship final. Cold Lake faced 17 Wing in the PR final and did whatever they could to upset the defending Champions but Winnipeg was too fast and powerful and advanced to the CF National basketball championship in Borden.

The team played well at the nationals but due to a depleted roster they were not able to win the big games when they needed it the most. The 17 Wing basketball team fell just short of reaching the playoffs based on a tiebreaker.

Despite the fact that they didn't achieve their ultimate goal of a CF national championship they still had an outstanding season and another great run.

This team has garnered all kinds of respect by the class, integrity, strength and determination displayed by each and every member of this team.

Community Recreation

Fitness & Recreation Summer Hours

Effective 2 June - 2 September

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Fitness and Recreation Center Building 90, 680 Wihuri Rd.
Gym facility monitors/ general information: 833-2500 ext 5139
Office Hours: Monday to Friday 0730 - 1200 hrs and 1300 - 1600 hrs
Community Recreation Director Lori-Ann Mundt, ext 2059
Community Recreation Assistant Daniel Gerson, ext 2057
Community Recreation Administrative Assistant Ann Gibson, ext 5976
Aquatic Supervisor Lindsay Chmilnisky, ext 7013
Community Library, ext 2490

Have a safe and happy summer from the Voxair staff. Next issue is August 27.



Jersey presentation

The Manitoba Moose presented 17 Wing with a framed jersey in recognition of the outstanding partnership between the Moose and the Wing in the organization of the 3rd annual Manitoba Moose Military Appreciation Night held at the MTS Centre on 1 March 2008. The Jersey was presented by Jeff Mager of the Moose to Lt Col Fairley, A/WComd on Friday 27 June at the Wing Operations morning brief.



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- ✓ Child & Youth Development
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The 1st Thursday of EVERY month
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Resources

The MFRC has Internet-ready community computers, a fax machine, tape recorders, digital camera, and video camera available for use on site during normal working hours.

Other Numbers

MFRC: 833-2500 ext.4500
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MFRC Childcare Centre: 837-3653
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Youth Centre North: 833-2500 Ext 4502

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Info Line: 989-9019

Military Families: Strength Behind The Uniform

The Order of the Bison

The Order of the Bison is presented to an individual, unit or company who goes "above and beyond" in supporting and promoting military families. June's recipient was Leona Nichol because of her tireless effort to bring Red Fridays to St Boniface Hospital. Leona's son is deployed with 2PPCLI from Shilo on Task Force 1/08.



Pictured from left to right: Barb Thuen, Volunteer Coordinator, Leona Nichol and Sandra Doody, Family Separation and Reunion Coordinator

MFRC summer programs for children and youth

Are your children still looking for something to do this summer? We have two programs to offer you fun in the sun.

Kidventures is a weekly theme-based camp. Each week Kidventures will offer games activities, crafts, swimming and a field trip to its young explorers. Your child will spend the day learning new skills, practising others and best of all having fun in a safe, healthy environment. There are seven weeks of activity available. Camp day starts at 9:15 and ends at 3:30. If you require extended care, it will be available from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily. There is an extra cost for extended care. Supervised extended care is unstructured free play. Kidventures is open to children in Grades 1 - 6. Your child must be entering Grade 1.

Explore Space July 21 – July 25

This week we will look up, way up. The stars, the planets, the moon, comets and UFOs will be explored. A visit to the planetarium and Science Centre is planned.

Explore History July 28 – August 1

The centre of the fur trade, Winnipeg was a vibrant centre for trade. We will visit Lower Fort Garry.

Explore Water August 5 – August 8

Let's get wet! What a better way than a trip to Fun Mountain Water Park. This week we are all about water and splashing fun.

Explore the Olympics August 11 – August 15

The summer Olympics are in China. At Kidventures, we will bring the Olympics to Winnipeg. We will be trying archery and other sports this week as well as a trip to the Children's Museum.

Explore Nature August 18 – August 22

Nature is in our backyard. We will be exploring all the nature around us. Our trip this week will be to the zoo and Assiniboine Park.

We are also offering a **Youth Drop-in Program** in the South PMQs. This program is open Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Located at 347 Doncaster Street, the program offers crafts, gaming systems including guitar hero and rock band and lots of fun. This program is supported by the Urban Green Team and is free to all participants. Stop by and say hi to the staff.

Nursery school applications

Will your child be three or four years old by Dec 31? Perhaps they would be interested in nursery school. We offer both English and French Immersion classes. Both are taught by caring qualified teachers in well equipped licensed classrooms. The program is developmentally appropriate, fun and stimulating. Registration for Fall'08 is now being accepted. Please call Shannon at 833-2500 ext 2491.

WMFRC now on Facebook

The Winnipeg MFRC has started a group on Facebook. Simply log in to Facebook, search for the Winnipeg MFRC and join. This page is a great way to find out what's happening at the MFRC, and maybe even reconnect with old friends.

What the yellow ribbon means

You may have noticed the new Yellow Ribbons that are now lining Air Force Way and Wihuri Rd. but do you know the significance of the Yellow Ribbon? The Yellow Ribbon traditionally signifies hope for the safe return of a loved one. Adopted by Canadians, the Yellow Ribbon also acts as a visual symbol of sacrifice made by Canadian Forces members and their families. Wearing or displaying a Yellow Ribbon recognizes and shows support for this sacrifice.

Yellow ribbon items on sale at the 17 Wing golf course

Pictured below is the display set up by the staff at the golf course. They have started selling Yellow Ribbon merchandise on consignment. Stop by for a round of golf, a beverage or simply to purchase a sample of our Yellow Ribbon Merchandise. Thank you to Daryl Fathers for starting this great initiative.



What do I want to be now that I'm all grown up?

The MFRC Employment & Education Service can assist you with your career plan. To meet with the MFRC Coordinator of Employment & Education Services, call 833-2500 Ext. 4511

Where's Soldier Bear?

Like a newcomer posted into Winnipeg the MFRC's Soldier Bear is exploring 17 Wing. Starting in September, we will be publishing photos of Soldier Bear at various locations around 17 Wing in the Voxair. If you think you know where Soldier Bear had his picture taken stop by the MFRC to fill out a ballot. Soldier Bear will be pictured in the following editions of the Vox Air; September 10 & 24, October 8 & 22, November 5 & 19, December 3 & 17. Draws for your chance to win your very own Soldier Bear will be held on October 1, October 29, November 26 and December 23. A grand prize draw for the chance to win a \$100 gift certificate to the Keg will be held on December 23. Each person is eligible to enter twice a month and it is possible to win more than once.



Whatever is, is changing

By Padre Grant Schapansky

We are in a season of transition and change, my friends. For many of us this is a time of moving, adjusting, saying good-byes, and saying hellos to new neighbours and workmates in new places for the first time.

An ancient Greek philosopher named Heraclites once observed that, "Whatever is, is changing." I wonder if he was commenting on posting season?

Apparently the story of Heraclites' observation goes something like this. One day this fine young philosopher was sitting under his favourite tree enjoying the tranquility of being in a place that was constant, unchanging, and predictably the same day after day, week after week. This peaceful time came abruptly to an end with his realization that change was actually taking place all around him. Heraclites jumped up from his

resting place and ran to a nearby river and proceeded to lift and lower his foot in and out of the water. (These are the kinds of things that ancient philosophers do and are remembered for. Although if you saw me doing this I suppose you'd remember me too.)

Heraclites observed that "one cannot step into the same river twice", as rivers are changing dramatically from one moment to the next.

Heraclites' observation reminds us that change is a given in this life. This of course is especially true for those of us living life as a member of the military. The challenge to adapt and overcome in the midst of change is inevitable in our way of life.

As I was thinking about all this, I was reminded of an old hymn in our chapel hymn book that was written in 1847 by a hymn writer named Henry Lyte entitled, Abide with Me. The second

verse of this song sounds much like Heraclites with an additional thought and prayer.

"Change and decay in all around I see.

O Thou who changest not, abide with me."

It seems to me that there are some things that can be unchanging anchors for us to hold on to in a world of constant flux.

Reviewing my personal givens this past week has been helpful.

As I reflected on what gives me meaning and purpose and the values I have resulting from these convictions I regained some measure of spiritual groundedness in the midst of our getting ready to move to Edmonton.

Much is changing, some spiritual things are changeless, and these things can be anchors for the soul.

All the best to those on the move. May your travels be graced with God's richest blessings.

In memoriam

Corporal Brendan Anthony Downey



At approximately 4:15 a.m. (EST) July 4, Cpl Brendan Anthony Downey was found dead in an accommodation room in the Theatre Support Element compound in the Gulf region.

Cpl Downey was a Military policeman from the Military Police Detachment in Dundurn, Saskatchewan.

An investigation is ongoing to establish the circum-

stances of this incident. No further details are available at this time, although enemy action has been ruled out.

Our thoughts are with the family and friends of Cpl Downey during this difficult time. Our focus over the next number of days will be to provide the best possible support to the family of our airman and to his colleagues.

Private Colin William Wilmot



At approximately 12:50 a.m., Kandahar time, on July 5, Pte Colin William Wilmot suffered critical injuries when an explosive device detonated near a dismounted security patrol in Panjwayi District.

Pte Wilmot was evacuated by helicopter to the Multi-National Medical Facility at Kandahar Airfield. Sadly, Private Wilmot was pronounced dead upon arrival.

Pte Wilmot was a medic serving with the Health Services Support Unit in Afghanistan attached to 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battle Group. His home unit was 1 Field Ambulance, based in Edmonton, Alberta.

The thoughts and prayers of every member of the Canadian Task Force are with Private Wilmot's family and friends during this very difficult time.

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Roman Catholic Office 833-2500 ext 5272

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Masses (English only)

Sunday 1100 hrs

Religious Education classes are available to all students from Preschool to Grade 6. Please call the office for information.

Confessions The sacrament of reconciliation is offered 20 minutes before mass and by appointment. Contact the chaplain's office.

Baptisms We recommend that you contact the chaplain's office for an appointment prior to the birth of your child.

Weddings -Marriages Contact the chaplain at least six months in advance. A marriage-preparation course is a requirement.

Catholic Women's League meets in the Chapel Annex the third Monday of each month at 1830hrs.



Protestant

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Chaplain Bonnie Mason

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Padre Gord Mintz

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Padre David Stewart

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Padre Curtis Duclos (Baptist)

Det Dundurn Office (306) 492-2135 ext 4299

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Sunday Services (English Only) 0900 hrs

Sunday School is held during the service for children ages 3 to 12, except on the last Sunday of each month. Childcare is provided on an as-required basis for children under 3 years of age.

Marriages Six months' notice is required for marriages, as counselling is necessary to prepare couples for Christian marriage. A Marriage preparation course is also required.

Baptisms The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is available by contacting a chaplain. Time is required to give sufficient instruction about the meaning of baptism.

Protestant Chapel Guild meets the first Sunday of the month at 1800 hrs in the Chapel Annex. All women are welcome.

Other Phone Numbers:

For your convenience, a phone number has been set up to provide callers with info on service times and contact with the chaplain of your choice. Phone 833-2500 ext. 6800 and follow the prompts. Those with access to the DIN visit the chaplains' Web Site at <http://17wing.winnipeg.mil.ca/main>, then click on 'Services'.

Interfaith Prayer Room

Rm 305 in Bldg 62 is avail during reg working hrs for private prayer or meditation, or for small groups to worship in the manner of their faith.

Food Bank

The Food Bank is a joint undertaking by both Catholic and Protestant congregations. Please help by giving any food you can spare. The donation box is located at the rear of the chapel.

Emergency Chaplain

After normal working hours, the Emergency Chaplain can be reached through WOPs Duty Centre, 833-2700.



Pinetree line retirees celebrate NORAD 50th

Several veterans of the renowned Pinetree line radar chain gathered near the site of CFS Sioux Lookout recently to fish, reminisce and celebrate the Pinetree line in true Radar Site fashion - in the bush. The event culminated in a mess dinner in the bush, using a dock from the lake as a table. The Pinetree Line was a series of Radar Stations that spanned country from Gander, NF to Holberg, at the tip of Vancouver Island. They were the second line of air surveillance after the DEW line. Nearly all of the attendees were retirees from 17 Wing. From left are MWO (ret'd) Billy Stevens, Major Paddy Douglass, Capt (ret'd) Ken Forsyth, Major (ret'd) Ken Esau, MWO (ret'd) Art Venables (seated); Sgt (ret'd) Leslie Adams; MCpl (ret'd) Phil Wilson and LCol (ret'd) Dennis Roy.



Promise fulfilled

Col Howden, WComd, sprints to the finish line of the 2008 Manitoba Marathon, fulfilling a promise he made on assuming command of 17 Wing. He was joined by other Wing personnel and family members in participating in the marathon.



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Patio opening

The Warrant Officer and Sergeant's Mess (WOSM) new patio opened on June 6, 2008. The patio was built by the men and women of the CE section. During the opening speech, MWO JAS (Tom) Roy, WOSM PMC, thanked the CE section for volunteering to take on the deck project and for going above and beyond the construction codes. He also thanked the workers for their knowledge and pride they have put towards the project which is highly evident in the end result. The construction crew included Sgt Dow, MCpl White, MCpl Garrett, Cpl Llewellyn, Cpl Heffernan, Cpl Demers, Pte Lalonde and Pte Jones.

Classifieds

For sale

Haier fridge, approx 3 years old, good condition, \$325 obo; Kenmore stove, white, approx 3 years old, good condition, rarely used, \$225 obo or \$500 obo for both; brown corduroy 3 seat sofa, good condition, \$50 obo. Call Kane at 960-1808.

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For sale due to posting: a dining room table with two leaves and six chairs (one is an armchair), good condition - \$250. A metal-framed futon, good condition - \$45. A. 10-speed racing bike, good condition (needs air in the tires) - \$20. A 1997 BMW 540i V8 auto, dark green with beige leather (premium pkg), 79,500 miles - \$10,900. Call local 4209 or 282-1800.

Computer systems - Athlon 64(2.4 GHz), 512 MB RAM, 200GB HD, 17" LCD Monitor; Sempron (2 GHz), 1GB RAM, 100 GB HD, 17" LCD Monitor; asking \$500 for each system. Phone 889-5330.

TAROSCOPES

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Aries (March 21 - April 19): Find ways to take care of tasks or responsibilities with less effort. You don't want to waste time when you could be having fun. You're also advised to take care of yourself. Set aside time to relax. You'll need to feel refreshed so you can share quality time and support another's efforts.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20): Sometimes there is no middle ground. Pleasing others at the expense of your own wishes or priorities will only leave you feeling used. What others think of your answers and efforts at living fully should not be your first concern. Putting yourself first pays off in the end.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21): You can look on the up side or the down side - it's up to you. Your attitude will directly affect the end result as there is still so much up in the air. Don't give up just before a breakthrough. A sudden change of circumstance is possible. Help it along - believe anything is possible.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Know what you want to accomplish and focus on this. It is better to do one thing well than many things poorly. It may be hard to let go of what you've been in charge of in the past but the time has come to give the responsibility to someone else. You've done enough already.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): Everything is going so well right now but don't take it for granted or become overly presumptuous. Treat people with consideration and speak with care to those less fortunate. Not everyone gets the breaks. Be grateful and show empathy for others. You may need their help one day.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): When you are doing or discussing what really excites you, you shine and capture another's interest. You have a strong presence and could end up teaching or performing professionally or for fun. The arts are highlighted. Physical activities increase your confidence.

Libra (September 23 - October 23): When you're working with unknown variables you need to accept that you can't guarantee the outcome. Learn from your success and losses. There are bigger and better challenges ahead. Remain positive. Grasp all that life has to offer. Don't waste a moment on regrets.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 21): Expand your horizons. Embrace more of what life has to offer. And there will be a lot of offers coming your way - so keep your eyes open. Roadblocks to your great ideas seem to disappear. New adventures lead to wonderful experiences. New ventures improve finances.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): It's easier to relate to others at this time. Open discussions with questions that help you understand how they think and feel. Once you know your feelings are returned it's easier to share the considerate side of yourself. See yourself winning at the game of love.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19): You're in the midst of a social swirl. Stand still and others will gravitate to you. Save some time for tasks that must be completed. Either space out the good times or get the stuff that requires all your mental energy completed first. Don't celebrate too soon or all is lost.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18): This is a time of change. Focus on what you will gain not on what you must let go of. Reflect, when you are alone, on what you want to have grow out of this time and where you want to go. Find ways to take advantage of the current situation. Make positive adjustments.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20): Get your wayward thoughts under control. It's good to think things through, but it's time to stop thinking and start doing what you enjoy. Trust your gut and aim for happiness. Don't let negativity or past failures hold you back or get you down. Things are picking up.

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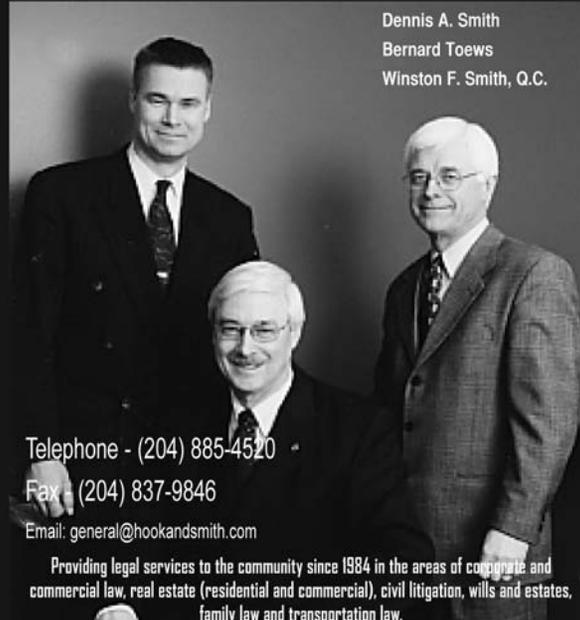
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