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We Will Remember



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VIMY RIDGE, FRANCE, April 1917 — A machine gun emplacement on the crest of Vimy Ridge and the men who drove the Germans from it.

Remembrance Day Message from Gen Rick Hillier, CDS

It is with great pride that I mark this Remembrance Day as your Chief of the Defence Staff. As we pause to honour those who have gone before us, let us draw courage from their example.

We are the inheritors of a distinguished military legacy. We owe it to ourselves and to our forebears, to respect and further this heritage.

Although today's challenges seem formidable, we can look to Canada's strong mili-

tary tradition for inspiration. Hundreds of thousands have served before us, wore our uniform and embodied excellence. They represented the best our country had to offer.

As we remember their courage, sacrifice and valour, let us never lose sight of their humanity. Like us, they were ordinary men and women called upon to do the extraordinary. The reasons they answered the call of duty continue to resonate today.

They served to represent their country.

They served to make a difference and to be part of something far greater than themselves.

They served to free others from tyranny and oppression.

They served for an opportunity to see parts of the world that perhaps they never dreamed of seeing.

They served for a chance to work with some of the finest soldiers, sailors, airmen and airwomen in the world.

They served with the support of their family and friends. Then, as now, the success of our forces would not be possible without them.

As we look to their noble example, let us once again dedicate ourselves to honouring their memory. We do this, not only through ceremonies held today across Canada and the world, but by continuing to serve and embody service before self.

Lest we forget.

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Fallen Soldier Receives Degree



Amanda Anderson accepts her husband's degree from Dr. Richard Sigurdson, Dean of the Faculty of the Arts at the University of Manitoba. Cpl Jordan Anderson was killed in Afghanistan this July.

By Avery Wolaniuk

When his kit returned home from Afghanistan, it was loaded with books. It was an unspoken testament to the dedication to learning Cpl Jordan Anderson, killed in a roadside bomb explosion in early July, demonstrated throughout his career.

Cpl Anderson had been working towards his degree in political science. On Thursday, October 18, the University of Manitoba honoured his work by granting Cpl Anderson his degree posthumously — the first time the university has ever awarded a degree to a serving member of the military, though there are precedents across the country from WWII.

At the 40th annual fall convocation, his widow Amanda accepted the degree in his stead to the standing ovation of Jordan's fellow graduates. "I wish it wasn't me doing it, I wish it was him. But I'll do it. It's an honour," she told the press before the ceremony. "It's something he wanted to do — I'll finish it for him." The couple's two-year anniversary was just two weeks away when the 3 PPCLI soldier was killed.

"He was an amazing person. He was really big on education. He was always trying to better himself," Cpl Adam Bowness, who served in the same platoon, said before the ceremony at Church of the Rock in Winnipeg.

Born in Iqualit, and raised in the Northwest Territories, the 25 year-old had

been working towards his degree through the Military Support Office at the U of M while in the Reg Force. "He worked very hard. He'd come home from an exercise and he'd start writing a paper right away and be up half the night," said his wife.

Friends of Cpl Anderson brought the situation to the university a week after his death. The decision to confer the degree, made by the university senate, was a complicated process because Cpl Anderson was a couple of electives shy of the degree requirements. He had finished all the courses in his major studies. There were no guarantees the senate would agree. "It was tough — there was a period of ups and downs," said Dr. George MacLean, acting head of political studies, who advocated for the decision. "This is right and this is proper, good for the university, for the family, and for Jordan. This was a minor positive thing that could come out of such a horrible situation." The good news came through from the senate in late September.

"A lot of people worked very hard to make it happen. I think it's amazing that his friends picked up on it. It's not an easy thing to get down," said Mrs. Anderson. "Everybody at the university has been absolutely wonderful and has worked really hard to get this followed through on."

It was his buddies at army.ca who got the ball

rolling on getting Cpl Anderson's degree awarded. Alec Herdy, who retired from 3 PPCLI 18 years ago, met Jordan through the site. He'd been mentoring the soldier through his post-secondary work, and talking to him about graduate studies. "The last time I talked to him he was looking at the Centre for Military and Strategic Studies in Calgary. He was going to remuster to be an intelligence officer." Mr. Herdy said that approaching the university was just the right thing to do, "because he deserved it. He'd put the effort into it, and his grades were good."

At the same time, members of 3 PPCLI, army.ca and the family worked toward creating bursaries in his name. Ten thousand dollars was quickly raised, which created 'On the Ramp, in memory of Cpl Jordan Anderson.' The two bursaries will be awarded annually, one to serving CF member, and one to a cadet, who are full-time, part-time, or distance education students. "Our hope is that this scholarship will be offered in about a year," said Dr. MacLean.

"Often during downtime in the army, Jordan would share his knowledge of history and politics with his comrades," Mrs. Anderson said. "This bursary will be his legacy for years to come, sharing his passion for learning."

APOD training



BGen Eldren Thuen visiting the KAF APOD training being conducted by 17WRTF at St Charles Ranges. The convoy drills were being conducted by MCpl Aird, an MSE Op from CFB Petawawa.

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Air Force personnel decorated by Governor General



BGen Donald Quenneville receives the Meritorious Service Cross from Michaëlle Jean, Governor General. BGen Quenneville received the award for his outstanding work as deputy commander of the Canadian NORAD Region from August 2004 to July 2007.



LCol Colin Keiver of 1 Cdn Air Div receives his Meritorious Service Medal from Michaëlle Jean, Governor General for his work as Air operations advisor in Khartoum, Sudan



HCol (ret'd) Ben Van Ruiten receives his Meritorious Service Medal from Michaëlle Jean, Governor General, for his years of work at 17 Wing.

By Holly Bridges, Air Force Public Affairs

Three members of the Air Force, a United States Air Force General Officer and an Honorary Colonel received medals from the Governor General, Michaëlle Jean, at a ceremony on 12 October 07 at Rideau Hall.

Brigadier-General Donald Joseph Quenneville received the Meritorious Service Cross for his "vision and expert knowledge (which) contributed significantly to the advancement of defence programs critical to Canada," according to his citation. BGen Quenneville took a new approach to Air Force operations by becoming a deputy commander of both 1 Canadian Air Division and the Canadian North American Aerospace Defence Command Region from August 2004 to June 2007. The dual-hatted approach had never been done before by an American General.

Chief Warrant Officer Claude Caron received the Meritorious Service Medal for his service to the Allied Joint Force Command Naples from 2003 to 2007, which "brought great honour to the Canadian Forces and significantly enhanced Canada's reputation amongst our Allies," according to his citation.

Master Warrant Officer Darcy Shawn Elder received the Meritorious Service Medal for his courage, professionalism and impressive leadership abilities while serving with the Military Security Guard Unit Detachment, in Kabul, from July 2004 to July 2005. "He demonstrated leadership of the highest level as he took on a stressful situation and inspired his personnel to conduct their duties in the most proficient manner under extremely hazardous conditions and in a hostile environment," says his citation.

Lieutenant-Colonel Colin Keiver received the Meritorious Service Medal for his deployment as the air operations advisor for Task Force Addis Ababa, in Khartoum, Sudan, from November 28, 2005 to May 25, 2006. "Undaunted by cultural differences and organizational challenges, he instituted and maintained rigorous air safety standards and op-

erating procedures. His steadfastness, tenacity and organizational skills helped to avoid critical logistical issues within the task force without compromising safety or operational standards," says his citation.

Goodwill ambassador to the Air Force, Honorary Colonel Bernardus Antonius (Ben) Van Ruiten from 17 Wing Winnipeg, received the Meritorious Service Medal. During his 13-year term, HCol Van Ruiten has provided "outstanding service to the Canadian Forces and to the 17 Wing community. A gentleman of impeccable integrity and boundless energy, he has dedicated himself to countless events and initiatives supporting members of the Canadian Forces who serve at home and abroad, as well as veterans, cadets, the thousands of men and women in the 17 Wing, the province of Manitoba and the city of Winnipeg," says his citation.

The event was an emotional one, with 47 medals being given out in total, mostly to Canadian soldiers who served in Afghanistan under extremely dangerous conditions. Two medals were given posthumously to the wives of two soldiers killed while serving in Afghanistan.

"The citations that we have heard say it all," said General Rick Hillier, Chief of the Defence Staff. "To listen here this morning to the descriptions of incredible acts of valour and service and dedication to our country wearing the uniform of our nation is to stand here and be absolutely humbled.

"Whether that service comes from an Honorary Colonel whose support to men and women in uniform and their families has been phenomenal for some nine years, from the Reserve or Regular Force components, the high stress, high demand jobs of command in the air, on the sea, on the land or whether it's in direct operations against an enemy in a place like Afghanistan, each of those descriptions this morning, in fact, understated much of what was done."

Altogether, the Governor General presented 12 Military Valour Decorations and 35 Meritorious Service Decorations.

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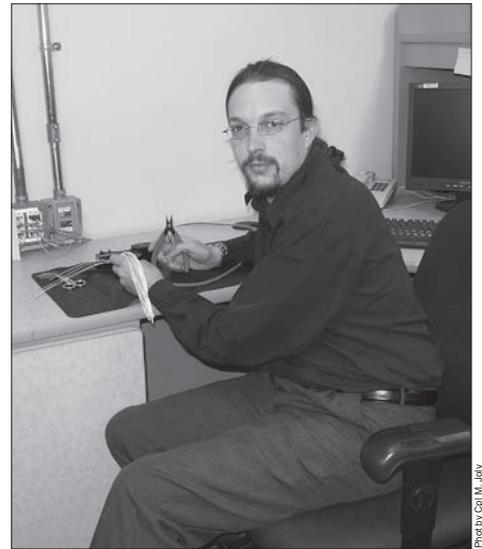
By Rob Lemieux

My name is Rob Lemieux, and I am an ex-LCIS reservist currently working for WTISS as a contractor. I began the contract as a Workstation Technologist (a fancy term for a PC repairman) for the AFCCIS network but quickly branched out to the various other fields of work here at CCSS Flight. I soon began to work on installations of new PCs for the RELCAN network and then moved to network administration for both networks. From there, on to creating and maintaining circuit diagrams and assisted with the DRSN and CDRSN phone systems. When my experience with fibre optics came to light I was quickly scooped up by the infrastructure cell and began to assist with fibre pulls, installation of patch panels, termination of fibre and switch administration.

With both networks increasing in size and use, it has become a challenge to provide the same level of service that everyone is used to, but with all members of the shop (military, civilian, and contractors) working together this shop has risen to the top.

Working as a civilian for the military has given me the other side of the coin. When I was working on a Class B contract we used to think that the civilians must have it easy, sitting in the shop while we were getting a good workout on PT or during training exercises. Now I know that while the troops are at PT the civilians are holding up the fort and sometimes get more calls in the first hour of the day than members do all day.

While the military members are gone from the shop on training or on tour we attempt to fill their roles. With postings happening all the time, the civilians also manage to keep a consistency to the shop that ensures a smooth transfer of people. The military members here have accepted us into their family and we work alongside them with ease. We bring our expertise to augment the military skill set. I personally have learned something from everyone here and hope that I have taught as much in kind.



Rob Lemieux working on a fibre optic patch cord.

Air Force Association honours excellence

Air Force Public Affairs

The Air Force Association of Canada presented its annual awards of excellence to members of the Air Force at the AFAC Annual General Meeting in Ottawa, October 13 - 14.

This year, Sergeant Lindsay MacGregor, a flight engineer instructor at 426 (Transport) Squadron was named Air Person of the Year for his "exemplary dedication" to the Air Force and to the Air Force Association of Canada and for his volunteer work founding AFAC's 401 (R.L. Edwards) Wing. Sgt MacGregor was also described as "a genuine airman, who consistently performs duties above and beyond those required, providing a bridge between serving and retired air force members. Sergeant MacGregor's efforts on and off duty have been and continue to be a beacon of exemplary airmanship, for which he is recognized."

Chief Warrant Officer Ralph Murphy was named Air Reservist of the Year for his work on the Reserve Revitalization Strategic Study, the International Leadership Symposium (Netherlands), the 569 (Brookfield) Air Cadet Squadron and 102 (Colchester) Wing. CWO Murphy was also described as "an air reservist beyond reproach. He is the consummate professional who has consistently excelled when it comes to contributing to the Canadian Forces, Canada's Air Reserves and to his community."

2 Air Movements Squadron from 8 Wing Trenton received the Gordon R. MacGregor Trophy for outstanding and meritorious achievement in air transportation for its "superlative customer service and resolute focus" in the face of shifting national priorities and a high operational tempo. Their citation read: "The Squadron's superlative customer service and resolute focus on the operational imperative did not waiver in light of tremendous increases to the operational tempo and the demand associated with Canada's shifting national priorities and her participation in the campaign against terrorism.

With a mandate to provide support to air mobility operations in domestic and deployed theatres, 2 Air Movements Squadron's members' professionalism and exacting professional knowledge, dedication to the mission, and commitment to their team contributed greatly to the sustained success of Canadian air mobility operations."

435 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron of 17 Wing Winnipeg won the Mynarski Trophy for excellence in Search and Rescue (SAR) operations during one of its busiest and most demanding years on record. "Without the conspicuous dedication, initiative, professionalism and teamwork displayed by every member," their citation says, "the numerous challenging SAR missions undertaken would not have come to such successful completion, which easily could have resulted in the loss of numerous lives. This outstanding squadron deserves the admiration and respect of all Canadians - perhaps the awarding of the Mynarski Trophy can serve as one measure by which the Air Force Association conveys to 435 Squadron that admiration and respect that is rightfully theirs."

Captain Neil McCarthy of 12 Wing Shearwater received the Air Marshall W.A. Bishop, VC, Memorial Trophy for excellence in operations other than air transportation and SAR. Capt McCarthy championed the Helicopter Maritime Environment Trainer (HELMET), a virtual-reality procedures trainer, while members of 406 Operational Training Squadron at 12 Wing won the RCAF Gold Hawks Trophy for their work implementing the trainer to the maritime helicopter community.

Darryl Smith, CEO of Pacific Coastal Airways, received the J.A.D. McCurdy Trophy for achievements in civil aviation.

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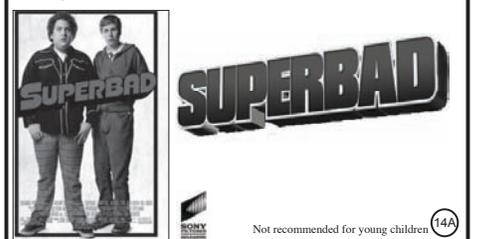
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The 'Beauty and the Beast' 100 lap swim held on October 26 was certainly a success. The efforts of Joanna Jarrett and Capt Rob Chapman, along with those that made donations resulted in a contribution of over \$130 to the overall 17 Wing GCWCC campaign. Well done!

More GCWCC information on page 19.

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By MCpl Denise Snow

Good day Friendly Manitoba! My name is MCpl Denise Snow and after being in Trenton for the first six years of my career, I received a posting message to 17 Wing Winnipeg.

Moving to Winnipeg was a challenge all of its own accord but I won't go into that. Moving into the Wing Personnel Selection Office position that I knew nothing about was even more of a challenge. My first question was, "What do you do here?" I really had no idea. But Sgt Natalie Moore and Mrs. Beverly Kulbacki helped me out with that question. Their expertise in this office was outstanding. First thing, I was given a huge book on policies. I thought I would never figure it all out and here I am just a couple of months into the job and so excited about the courses I wish to take. Both Clerks along with the WPSO, LCdr Mumford, have a wealth of information to pass on and are always here to assist in any questions.

I would have never thought to go back to school unless I started working in this office. And it is all so easy to do. Once I learned and understood all the regulations, which I still have

many questions about, I learned how to complete an Electronic Individual Learning Plan (E-ILP). This is the start of the process and is a request for funding for members who wish to go back to school. Members can shoot for a Bachelor Degree, get a college certificate or a course that will enhance their present military career. This is a step-by-step process and with the help of Mrs. Kulbacki or myself it can be done in no time. And the information on schooling here at our office is astounding. We have information on universities and colleges from all over Canada and the US. And with our new Education Officer coming on board, soon the information will be even greater. I know a lot of people think it's not that easy and once you get all the admin out of the way you have to study and go to school. But some of these courses are just one night a week while others are on-line, on your own time.

I have also seen a lot of questions come through our office that would not pertain to our office, but we have been able to point these people in the right direction. One example, if you are a Regular force member looking to

join the Reserves, this definitely represents a trip to Release Section and the ARAF Office. But at the same time if there are courses you wish to do to help you with your transition into the civilian workforce, upgrades, etc we are the people who you see. We will help you with your E-ILP and give you the required information you need under the Second Career Assistance Program (SCAN). There are so many programs I could tell you about. And don't forget the OPMEs. We hold in house courses here one night a week or you can do them on your own time through the online process.

As you can see, I am very excited about my new position, but getting back to telling you about my transformation from Trenton life to Winnipeg life; it has been a very tough one. Just three weeks after our arrival here my husband, a Loadmaster at 435 Sqn, was whisked away to Afghanistan. But the decision for him to take the tour was discussed extensively prior to our move. The transformation to life at 17 Wing had to be done all alone. And if you're a military member reading this you will know that is the way our life goes. But, 435

Sqn has been fantastic. The support system they have for their members on deployment is excellent. I felt so important when the Sgt at 435 Sqn contacted me to find out how I was doing and if I needed anything, 'anything at all,' he said. That support, although only just a quick phone call, meant a lot to me and my spouse. But like all of us in the military we must adapt and overcome! And so I have. While writing this I have only 10 days left of my spouse's tour. The licence plate says Friendly Manitoba, except for a few nasty gestures from fellow drivers, it reads true. I have met a lot of new people, become reacquainted with some old friends and have to say in our military world people really do care.

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By Lt Manivone Panyasith

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The mission of Operation Boxtop is to re-supply CFS Alert by air through the use of civilian and military Hercules aircraft. The operation is accomplished by the staff and crew from various bases and of all ranks and trades. Teamwork and diligence are required throughout the Operation. Those who have journeyed to Alert have come to appreciate the unique experience. Each individual has their own special story to share. Participation in Operation Boxtop is an extraordinary and euphoric experience.

This is my story.

Daily shift work involves a variety of workers with specific roles. The operator from the radio tower dispatches the Crew Chief with the expected time of arrival of the aircraft and whether it will be a civilian Hercules (dry lift) or a military Hercules (wet lift). This information is crucial to the Crew Chief. It enables him to direct his crew to the appropriate location to offload the aircraft. The Marshall and his assistant are the first to proceed to the airstrip to marshal the aircraft. The rest of the crew is transported in a bus. The bus then transports the pilots to the meteorology station.

Each member in the crew plays an important role in offloading the aircraft in a safe and timely matter. To offload fuel from a tank of an aircraft involves pulling out the fire extinguisher, ground cable and drip pan, connecting the hoses to the tank, monitoring pressure gauges and opening and closing the pressure valves as required. These activities are conducted concurrently so that the aircraft is not grounded longer than necessary. Only one aircraft can be offloaded at a given time, therefore an incoming aircraft has the potential of being delayed. The crew works a 12-hour shift and in all weather conditions. It is hard work but it is an operation that is essential to the survival and sustenance of CFS Alert.

All hands on deck is a must for the success of the mission. Once the crew has an understanding of the workload, it becomes a matter of routine and efficiency. A competition develops among the three crews, to see who can offload the most aircraft in a shift.

To be at a place where only a few of my colleagues have an opportunity to voyage and experience was an adventure. I saw firsthand icebergs, glaciers, tundra, the contour of the mountains and the Arctic Ocean. Spectacular! With the land being so clear and the magnitude of the mountains, distances are deceiving.

What appears as though it is only a short walk could really be many kilometers away. It was a unique experience to be able to wear sunglasses at 0200 hours. Alert, during summer months, experiences 24 hours of sunlight. Beginning in November there will be the opposite in that there will be 24 hours of darkness. It is said that "... time is like a river, you can not touch the same water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again ... enjoy every moment of life wherever you are ..." This is what made my experience memorable and unique.

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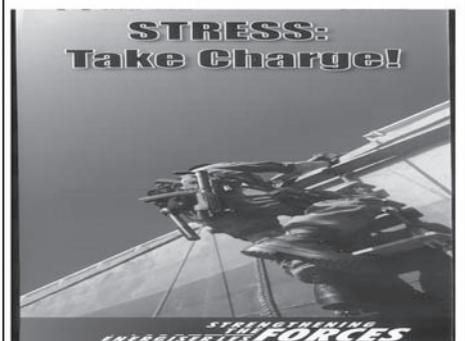


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Local Student Raises Funds to Purchase Goats in Afghanistan

By Avery Wolaniuk

As his classmates walk by on their way to the cafeteria and the gym, one student sits at a table in the hallway, spending his lunch hours selling goats.

Jay Edwards is raising money to purchase the animals for families in Afghanistan. The 17-year-old student came across the idea after seeing a charity catalogue promoting the purchase of animals for families in third-world countries. He did some research, and found the Mennonite Central Community (MCC) to be the most affordable. He also found that while Canada is rated one of the highest on the Human Development Index (a United Nations Development Programme summary that rates countries in three areas: health, knowledge, and a decent standard of living), Afghanistan is listed among the lowest.

With the support of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the Sturgeon Heights' student started his three-week campaign.

Selling raffle tickets for an iPod for \$1, Jay's goal is to raise \$3000, which will purchase 100 goats through MCC. "I was just going to buy one, but I thought, 'why not 100?'" he said. Why goats? "A goat means they can get milk, and angora, and eventually, after [the goat] has lived out its life, meat for a few days." Milk and angora can both be sold and provide for the farmer. The \$30 for each animal covers the costs of housing, transport, inoculation, and education, he says.

With prize sponsored by his mom's company, Hi'laka Holistic Services, 100 percent of the proceeds from the raffle are going to the charity. Two weeks into the Oct 17 - Nov 9 campaign, Jay had raised \$270, or enough to purchase nine goats. As one student stops to fill out a ballot, another just drops \$5 in the box and wanders off, not worried about receiving anything in return.

The school's mission statement says, "Collège Sturgeon Heights Collegiate is committed to developing global citizens with inquiring minds and compassionate hearts." Jay has certainly demonstrated those qualities. The project demonstrates a sense of social responsibility on Jay's part, says his father, Scott Edwards, who works at 1 Cdn Air Div. "Of course, we're very proud of him."

Sturgeon Heights, the recent amalgamation of local schools Sturgeon Creek and Silver Heights Collegiate, is one of several UNESCO schools in the city. As the schools were preparing to join together, they talked about the characteristics of a successfully educated person.

"In the long run there's much more to getting an education than simply receiving good marks in courses — we feel that citizenship is a huge part of a student's education," said Principal Brent Corrigan, calling Jay's efforts commendable. "It takes some special characteristics for a student to be able to recognize the needs of other people throughout the world. We all see these things on TV, but not many people go out



Jay Edwards is making a difference one lunch hour at a time.

and do something constructive to help others."

The school supports several initiatives throughout the year, including sending students to help build a Habitat for Humanity house and raising funds for local and global organizations.

To contribute to the initiative, you can email Jay at jim-bob123432@shaw.ca or drop off donations in an envelope marked "Goats for Afghanistan" at the Sturgeon Heights Collegiate office.

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Cadet Liaison Officers

By Captain Bruce Gundling, Senior Cadet Liaison Officer

Cadets is a federally-sponsored program for young Canadians ages 12 to 18 who are interested in participating in a variety of challenging and rewarding activities, and learning more about the Canadian Forces. The Canadian Cadet Program is run by a highly trained group of professional individuals that directly support the Cadet Program. For Manitoba and North Western Ontario this is Cadet Detachment Winnipeg, lead by Lieutenant Commander Hurley and his dedicated staff. But what many people do not know is that Regular and Reserve Force members also support the Cadet Program as Cadet Liaison Officers (CLOs).

Cadet Liaison Officers are serving Regular and Reserve Force personnel who volunteer for this officially sanctioned secondary duty in support of the Cadet program. They are women and men in service to their country who take time out of their personal lives to assist with the Cadet program. Some are former Cadets or have young adults in the Cadet program while others just want to assist the Cadet program, understanding that

this youth program engages over 54,000 young Canadians nation-wide.

In my capacity as the Senior Cadet Liaison Officer, I am responsible to the 17 Wing Commander, Colonel Howden, to assign capable Regular and Reserve Force personnel to act as Cadet Liaison Officers to all 62 units supported by Cadet Detachment Winnipeg. In all, 44 CLOs, from Master Corporal to Major, from Recruiters to Reserve Supply Staff, Pilots, Technicians, Musicians, Navigators and yes, even AERE Officers, make up CLO staff. They come from units in Shilo, Portage, Winnipeg and Thunder Bay – quite a span of individuals both professionally and geographically.

CLO duties consist of:

- a. visiting, on occasions as determined by the Area Cadet Officer (ACO) and the appropriate Cadet Unit Commanding Officer, his/her assigned cadet corps, twice or three times a year to provide the Cadets, Cadet Staff and parents with CF visibility;
- b. submitting a report to the ACO (thru the SCLO) after each visit to their assigned cadet corps;

c. assisting the cadet corps in its local training and general administration;

d. ensuring that service equipment is properly maintained;

e. assisting with inventory control; and

f. arranging for use of facilities and assistance, where available, from the support Wing/Base/Station and/or the affiliated unit.

CLOs are keen and dedicated individuals that support the Cadet Program run through Cadet Detachment Winnipeg. If you are a serving Regular or Reserve Force member and are interested in becoming a CLO or would like more information on CLOs, contact the Manitoba - North Western Ontario Senior Cadet Liaison Officer, Captain Bruce Gundling at 204-833-2500 ext 5342 or via DWAN email at Gundling.BG@forces.gc.ca



Busy Year Underway at CFS MET



Students of QL3 0702 gather meteorological data for their hourly Observation. (from left) Pte Campbell, Cpl Ross, Pte Jubb and Pte Noah



In the foreground Sgt Bissonnette examines a surface analysis while in the background MCpl Raper gives an aviation brief to her fellow students on QL6A 0702.

By Sgt Joe Cleary

The end of 2007 is nearing with a flurry of activity at the Canadian Forces School of Meteorology (CFSMET). Two courses are currently in house with hopes of not having to cope with an early Winnipeg winter.

The first course to graduate this year was QL6B 0701, which began back in January and finished on 28 Mar. This is the senior course taught at CFSMET and is otherwise known as the "Specialized Weather Support" course which prepares our personnel to support diverse operations such as ship-borne helicopter detachments, land element combat groups and search and rescue units. During the ceremonies, we had the pleasure of presenting Sgt Dave Snyder of CFB Edmonton and Sgt Pete Malcovich of HMCS Halifax with the Canadian Forces School of Meteorology "Certificate of Achievement," as they both tied for highest academic marks.

The second course to graduate was on 14 Jun, which was QL3 0701 that started back on 26 Mar. The QL3, otherwise known as the "Basic Weather Observer" course is the first step in their occupational training for these new Met Techs. The aim of this course is to train personnel to: take weather observation; disseminate observed data; and provide technical meteorological information to support operations. At their graduation we presented the Canadian Forces School of Meteorology "Certificate of Achievement" to Cpl Jason Gabriel of CFB Gagetown.

The third course to graduate on 5 July was QL6A 0701, which began on 11 Apr. The aim of the QL6A course is to train Met Techs to prepare and provide detailed environmental briefings in addition to providing technical meteorological information in support of military operations. During the graduation ceremony we again had the pleasure in presenting the Canadian Forces School of Meteorological "Certificate of Achievement" to MCpl Andrew Rusconi of CFB Shilo.

After a very hectic winter and spring that saw three courses graduate, a well-deserved break for the staff took place over the summer, kicked off by the unit BBQ and Mug-out. CFS Met said farewells to Maj Dave Skinner, WO Dan Baulne and Sgt Claudette Siegners Schmidt and Mr Albert Skiba.

The pace picked up rather quickly on 26 Aug as the annual Weather Wacker Golf tournament took place coinciding with a Meteorological Conference that brought Met Techs and Meteorologists from across the country together at 17 Wing to discuss current operations and the Way-ahead for the Met Tech occupation. The occupation will be going through a major reorganization over the next few years to better support current operational demands. As the trade begins to restructure, so too will the training as more responsibility will be lowered to the junior Non-commissioned members. CFS Met anticipates receiving a new Qualification Standard for the QL3 course that will require training to provide detailed weather briefings to all levels of command in all three environments. This will require substantial modifications to the current lesson plans.

QL5 0701 started on 27 Aug and graduated 17 Sept. The recently modified QL5 is a short course intended to prepare Met Techs for sea going units and is meant to bridge the current QL3 and QL6A.

Currently there are two courses in house; QL3 0702 that started back on 27 Aug and is slated to graduate on 15 Nov. Recently the QL3'S finished the academic portion of the training and have begun their practical training. This involves simulator exercises consisting of hourly, special and checks observations while performing other trade orientated duties such as disseminating weather data or encoding Pilot reports. The course is very challenging with many hours of

study; however, it has been an enjoyable learning experience for them all. Along the way, they have learned much about themselves with regards to what it takes to succeed in the air force as well they have made many friendships that will last a lifetime.

The other course currently going through the rigors of training is QL6A 0702, which started on 18 Sept. The QL6A will graduate on 13 Dec and is now anxiously awaiting some of Winnipeg's finest weather to brief during their simulator phase.

The School of Meteorology would like to congratulate Mr. Barry Konzelman on his retirement from the Public Service after dedicating 21 years of his life to the School of Meteorology and the Canadian Forces Air Navigation School (CFANS). It is estimated that Barry has passed on his meteorological knowledge to 750 military members at both schools during his tenure at 17 Wing. Barry will remain at CFANS instructing on a casual basis until CFS Met can find four new instructors to replace him.

In closing, we would like to take this opportunity to give a hearty welcome to all of the new staff at CFS Met. Major Doug Lawrie moved down from CFANS this past spring to take on the position of Commandant at CFS Met. Sgt Jocelyn Bissonnette, MCpl Denis Montemont, Mr Derrick Kania and Mr Chad Thompson have all joined the instructional staff. Welcome to the Team. Till next time "Cognitio Caeli".



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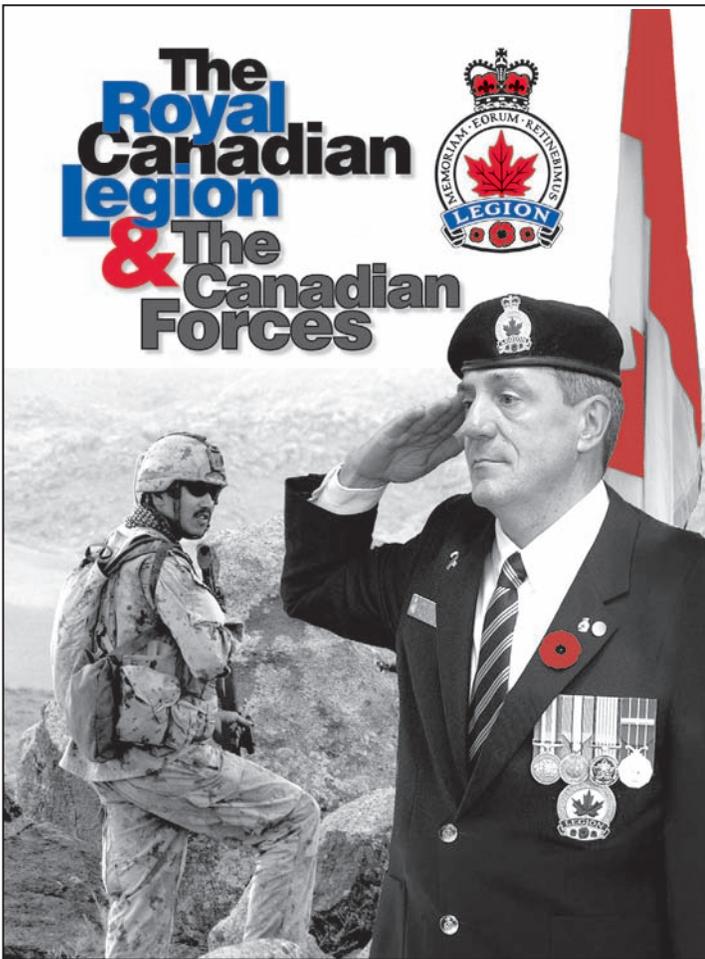
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Public Service Long Service Award (25 yrs): Mrs. Gerry Johanson, Wing Admin/Pers Svcs.



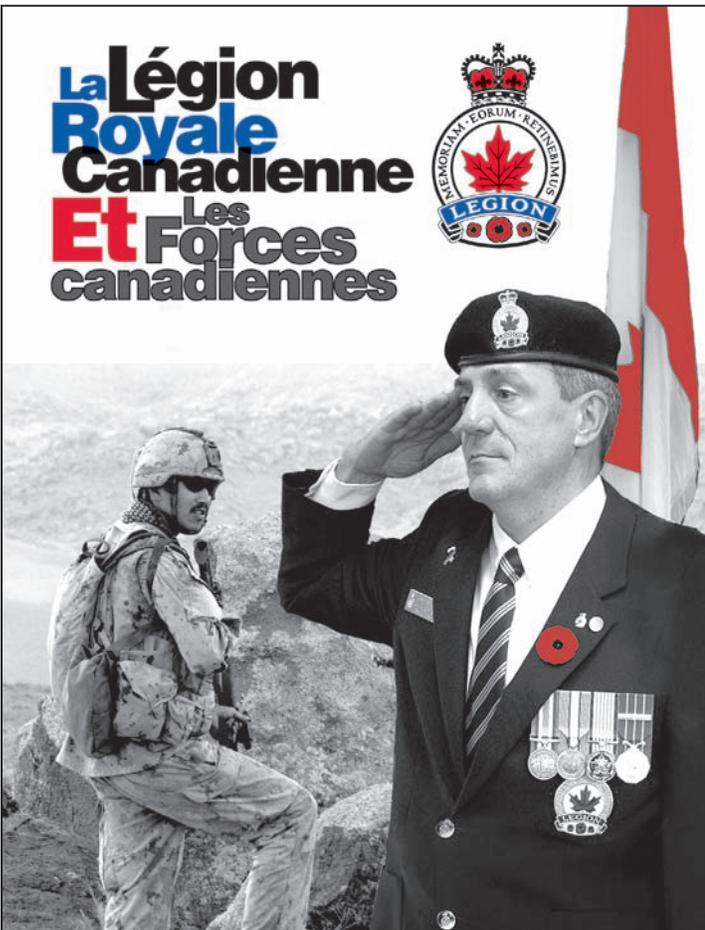
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Public Service Long Service Award (25 Yrs) & Suitcase: Mr. Lloyd Tikle, Log & Eng Branch (CE) .



Public Service Long Service Award Certificate (15 Yrs): Mr. Erling Mead, Wing Admin/Pers Svcs.



Congratulations to LCol Daniel Mitchell, FG Coordinator (ForceGeneration), who received his promotion on October 26 from BGen Yvan Blondin, Deputy Commander Force Generation.

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Photo (L to R): BGen Blondin, LCol Mitchell, and Mrs. Judy Mitchell.

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By Megan Wilson, written at age 13
Bruce Middle School

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I saw fear in all their eyes,
Fear, of what may be their destiny.

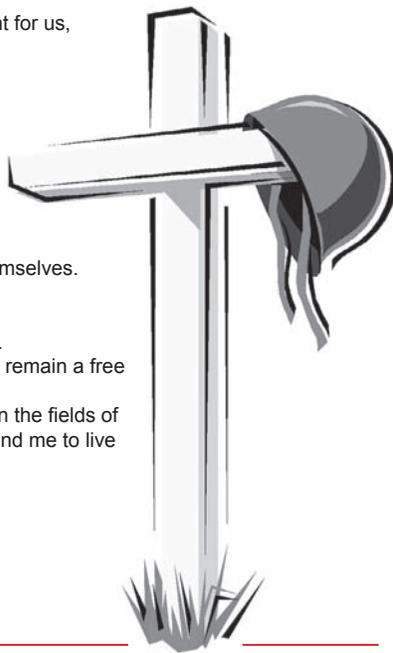
I was there,
When the horror struck
And the noise, oh the noise,
The deathly shooting, exploding, screams,
Screams of moms, dads, friends, family, calling for help.

I was there,
With the blood, the blood of those that were brave to fight for us,
Blood of heroes.
Bodies lay there, never to be forgotten
Like a scar never to leave this earth.

I was there,
When victory struck
The defeat of our enemy was complete
Happiness running through us like a firing bullet.
Freedom for our country at last.
The smiles, the tears of people proud of us, proud of themselves.

I am still here,
In the hearts of those that were there and still remember.
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country.
And to remember people, the men and women who lay in the fields of
poppies, the ones who gave us freedom and allow you and me to live
on.

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I live on and will remember.
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Honours and Awards

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Long Service Award (15 Years) & Bar : Mr. Robert Young, Log & Eng Branch (TEME).



Employee Assistance Program – 5 Year Pin: Ms Gail Henry, Wing Admin.



SWASM / Afghanistan Bar: MCpl Sherlow, Log & Eng Branch (TISS).



SWASM and Bar: Cpl S.D.P. Culleton, 435 Sqn.



GCS (ISAF): Cpl M.L. Stokes, Log & Eng Branch (SUP).



SSM-Alert: Cpl JK Horne, Log & Eng Branch.



SSM-Alert : Cpl M. Mariage, Log & Eng Branch (CE).



GCS (ISAF): MCpl Snyder, Log & Eng Branch. (TISS)



CD2: MWO M.R. Wohlgenuth, 402 Sqn.



CD1: LCdr J.B. Whitfield, CFSAS.



CD1: WO D.I. Carlyle, 402 Sqn.



CD1: Sgt G.R. Anderson/B65 303 169, CFSSAT.



CD1: Sgt Q.M. Bailey, WOPS.



CD1: Sgt J.K. Williams/F79 109 751, CFSSAT.



CD1: Cpl J.C.S. Gribben, 402 Sqn.



CD: Sgt A.M. Muralt, 402 Sqn.



CD: MCpl K.J. Stevens, Log & Eng Branch (CE).



CAS Commendation: Capt J.D. Moffatt, 435 Sqn.



JTF Afghanistan Commanders Commendation & Coin: Capt Eric Rheume, Wing Admin/Pers Svcs.



Commissioning Scroll Certificate: 2Lt E.M.M. Copeland, Compt.



CDS Retirement (30 years of Loyal Services) & Pin: Cpl R.J. Nevers, Log & Eng Branch (TEME).



Northern Command Certificate: LCdr J.B. Whitfield, CFSAS.



Cert of Appreciation: MWO D.E. Hendrickson, WOPS.



Photo by Cpl Brenda Gullen, PA Photojournalist

People at Work

By Cpl Brenda Gullen, PA Photojournalist

After growing up in a Forces family and having a spouse who has been in the Forces for 27 years, Cpl Jeanne Balleny – Jan – decided it was her turn to join the Forces in January 2002 as a supply technician.

The daughter of Grace and Al Guillemette, an Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Master Warrant Officer, Cpl Balleny's home town is Shilo, Man. Cpl Balleny went to school at Murdock MacKay High School in Transcona.

Jeanne Balleny worked for six years at the Club Regent Casino while raising her four children and having a military spouse who was frequently away on courses and deployments. When her youngest child was 16 years old, Cpl Balleny joined the CF.

Cpl Balleny works at Clothing Stores here, where she makes sure that her customers get the clothing and equipment they need.

17 Wing is a composite formation, conducting and supporting flying operations and a variety of training functions. The Wing also supports 113 units stretching from Thunder Bay, Ontario, to the Saskatchewan/Alberta Border and from the 49th Parallel to the high Arctic. 17 Wing also acts as a deployed operating base for CF-18 Hornet fighter-bombers assigned to the Canadian NORAD Region.



Silhouettes

By Alf Brooks

On November 13 Swiss Post will issue four stamps illustrating the art of cutting silhouettes in paper using scissors and knives. The technique spread to Europe from China, with the oldest survivors about 400 years old.

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Central Flying School Update

By Capt Mike Krak

The Central Flying School, or CFS, is a small unit of 35 personnel located on the third floor of 16 Hangar. The School has five unique mandates to fulfill in which it is responsible to the Commander of the 1 Canadian Air Division (through the Director of Air Force Training). The traditional CFS role is the development and maintenance of flying training standards for aircrew training. To accomplish this, CFS Standards conducts Flying Training Evaluations (FTEs) at ab initio (brand new) aircrew training establishments and does regularly scheduled Training Standardization Visits (TSVs) at the Operational Training Units (OTUs) and Operational Training Flights (OTFs) across the Air Force. These visits assess numerous aspects of aircrew training including the quality of instruction, instructor flight checks and course content, and they assist Air Force units in the effective and efficient delivery of their training mandates. The Standards cell is composed of various pilot, navigator and AES Op (Airborne Electronic Sensor Operator) flight instructors who are involved with a variety of aircraft fleets based in three different locations. These fleets include the Dash-8, Grob, Jet Ranger, Harvard, Hawk, King Air, and soon the Bell 412, and their locations include Winnipeg, Portage and Moose Jaw. As well as our main location in 16 Hgr in Winnipeg, CFS maintains a small detachment of pilots in Moose Jaw to work with 2 CFFTS and 431 AD Sqn.

Another CFS mandate involves the well-known Instrument Check Pilot (ICP) Flight, which conducts initial and refresher qualification training for all ICPs in the Air Force. ICP training includes extensive instruction on air regulations and instrument approach design, as well as ensuring that all flight-testing of pilots (checkrides) by the ICP personnel at Air Force units follow a standardized format. This is accomplished by a significant amount of classroom instruction, followed by airborne instruction

and evaluation involving various scenarios and role-playing by the instructors. The ICP Flight also provides Terminal Procedures (TERPS) support to the Air Force. This involves the design and review of instrument approach procedures used by aircrew to land at an airport in poor weather.

CFS also houses the Human Performance in Military Aviation (HPMA) Flight, which oversees the Air Force-wide HPMA program and delivers HPMA Coordinator training. This program was established by the Air Force to help reduce the number of aviation incidents that are caused by human error and involves not only aircrew, but also any personnel involved with aviation such as technicians and Air Traffic Controllers. HPMA is the effective use of threat and error management strategies to enhance operational effectiveness to ensure the safe and effective completion of all duties and tasks. The HPMA cell at CFS conducts facilitator training for all Air Force units, as well as on-going refresher training. In September, the HPMA cell ran the first Tier 4 course which, as directed by the Commander 1 Cdn Air Div, is training tailored for personnel at the Air Div Headquarters.

A fairly new addition to the unit, the Air Cadet Gliding Program (ACGP) has established its Standardization and Evaluation Team (SET) at CFS to maintain and oversee glider standards and training across Canada. The ACGP SET provides air cadet gliding program oversight and reports to the Director of Air Force Training through the Commandant of CFS. In short, ACGP SET supervises the Air Cadet gliding programs involving the five Cadet glider-training centres across Canada, comprising over 100 aircraft, 16,000 flight hours per year, and approximately 70,000 glider and tow plane flights.

As its final mandate, CFS has the Air Training Test and Evaluation Flight (ATTEF), which is responsible

for conducting Operational Test and Evaluation (OT&E) of all training aircraft fleets. When new equipment is to be used or when a deficiency in current equipment is identified, the ATTEF staff at CFS may initiate a project to find a solution.

Once you've been introduced to all of the different faculties' mandates, it's easy to see why very experienced personnel are required to fill all the standards, evaluation, and oversight roles that CFS is responsible for. The staff, all with multiple tours behind them already, bring tens of thousands of flying hours' worth of operational and training insight and experience to their positions. This allows CFS not only to ensure that aircrew training is occurring in accordance with higher authority, but gives the individual members the experience necessary to make credible recommendations to improve aircrew training across the Air Force.

As a quick look forward to upcoming articles, one of the Standards Officers, Captain Michael Krak, recently returned from a month-long deployment to Kabul, where he worked in the ISAF HQ and was involved in coordinating ISAF airlift inside Afghanistan, and the newest member of CFS, one of our OJT candidates, 2Lt Pascal Proulx travelled to Montreal last month to receive "The Duke of Edinburgh's Award" Gold Certificate of Achievement from Prince Edward.

Additionally, and no less momentously, Mr. Peter Kudlovich, the CFS Orderly Room clerk, will be retiring next month after more than 30 incredible years of service to the unit. We'll be holding a farewell luncheon for Mr Kudlovich's friends on the Wing on 23 Nov, and we look forward to highlighting Peter's fantastic dedication in a future article.



Some of the aircraft operated by the Central Flying School include the Grob 120-A and the Raytheon C-90B King Air, both depicted here on the ramp at Southport Aerospace Centre, Portage la Prairie. The Bell Ch-139 Jet Ranger helicopter (not shown) is also flown by the CFS. 402 "City of Winnipeg" Squadron carries out ground handling of CFS aircraft on the ramp at 17 Wing.



Capt Krak with his 'bodyguards' in the market at the ISAF HQ compound in Kabul.



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By 2Lt. E. Copeland, WCompT

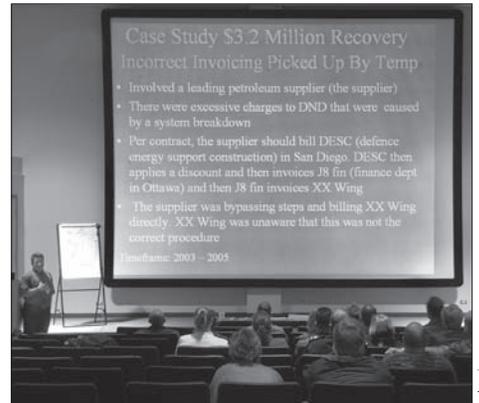
Fraud detection and prevention are daily concerns for the Canadian Forces. As one of its ongoing fraud prevention measures, the Wing Comptroller Branch holds periodic workshops to inform its staff about high-risk areas in their day-to-day financial activities.

This year, 17 Wing Winnipeg held three Fraud Awareness Workshops, which were delivered on 25-27 Sept 07 by Mr. Al Doucet, the National DND/CF Fraud Risk Management Program Manager, from NDHQ Ottawa.

During the workshops, a total of 65 participants from both 17 Wing Winnipeg and 1 Canadian Air Division held an open discussion and anonymous voting on the topic.

Methods on how to detect and potentially prevent dishonest activities such as unusual and excessive purchases, fictitious vendors and the misuse of payment cards were shared through a number of group case studies. The goal of fraud awareness training is to inform members of the defence team how fraud can be committed and to emphasize the importance of being watchful and reporting fraudulent conduct when it is observed or suspected.

Those members seeking assistance with fraud prevention, transaction detection or interested in hosting a similar workshop for their staff may obtain applicable information at the following intranet link <http://crs.mil.ca/>.



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Spotlight on Reservists: Sgt Claude Dasylyva

By Avery Wolaniuk

Claude Dasylyva is a man comfortable in uniform, whether he's wearing it onboard a Herc or on the ground patrolling the city streets.

The 435 Sqn loadmaster became a Reservist after 14 and half years service as Reg Force when he saw a 'Now Hiring' ad in the paper for the Winnipeg Police Service. "Police work was always something I've been interested in doing in the back of my mind," said Sgt Dasylyva. It was his career choice after high school, but in Quebec at that time there were very few openings for police officers, so he chose to go the military route instead. But the idea never went away, and when he saw the ad, "I kind of started toying with the idea a little bit. I talked about it with my wife and put my name in to see what happened — and it worked."

It wasn't an easy choice, says Sgt Dasylyva — or Const Dasylyva, depending on the day — who received the national Reservist of the Year award a couple of years ago. "I was six years away from my pension," he said, and he liked getting up in the morning to go to work. "I was established in my rank, my career was doing well, it wasn't like 'I hate

this job, I want to leave,' so that was a tough decision — but I have no regrets. The police work was also something I was always interested in, I always struggled between the two, and now I get both."

After retiring from the Reg Force, the Sgt took six months to go through the Academy before joining again as a Reservist. The similarities between his careers don't end at the required uniform. "The police service is still called a paramilitary organization," he said. "When we go through the academy we have to do drills, we have to do inspections. We have a rank structure, we have a chain of command — so for me it was kind of easy to do this transition."

Working somewhere between six and nine shifts at 435 Sqn a month alongside his full-time police schedule, this reservist walks a scheduling tightrope with his calendar close by. "What makes it challenging is that at the squadron we have a lot of currencies we have to maintain, such as flying hours, Search and Rescue currencies, First Aid, CPR, dangerous cargo — so just doing this needs some management," said Sgt Dasylyva. "It's an exercise on its own to balance my personal life, police work and the squadron."



The Dalnavert November Tea

The Dalnavert Museum is hosting the Dalnavert November Tea on Saturday, 10 November from 12:30 - 3:00 pm.

Lunch will be served at 1:00 pm.

This year's tea will feature a Remembrance Day fashion show, courtesy of the Manitoba Living History Society, with military costumes from 1817 to the present.

Phone Dalnavert Museum at (204) 943-2835 to reserve and to confirm the price.

For more information please see:
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'Soldier' the Bear is now available in French and English. Drop by the MFRC to purchase a 'hug' in the form of a cute teddy bear for your children (or maybe even for your self) at a cost of just \$20.00.

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Learning About the Tuskegee Airmen



Dr. Eugene Richardson, one of the original Tuskegee Airmen.

By Karen Christiuk

History came alive on October 1 when Dr. Eugene Richardson, one of the original Tuskegee Airmen—the first black pilots in the United States Air Force (then known as the Army Air Corps)—gave a special presentation to more than 100 staff in Mynarski Hall at 1 Cdn Air Div/CANR HQ.

Despite the racial segregation that existed during the first half of the 20th century in the U.S., 994 black men received commissions and pilot wings at the Tuskegee Army Air Field in Tuskegee Alabama from 1942 to 1946. Many of the pilots then served overseas in North Africa and Italy, primarily in the Second World War's legendary 332nd Fighter Group.

Richardson left the Army Air Corps in 1946 and then became a teacher, and later received his M.Ed. and D.Ed. He has spent most of his retirement years travelling throughout North America and sharing the story of the Tuskegee Airmen.

"The Tuskegee Airmen were an 'experiment' organized by the government of the day to see if black men could be military pilots," said Richardson.

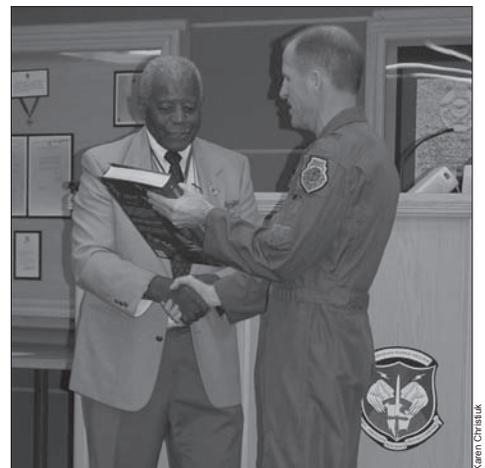
The Tuskegee Airmen faced continual racism from many of their fellow Americans and, although they wanted to participate in the Second World War, they were rarely greeted with open arms.

"By the summer of 1942, the 99th (Tuskegee Airmen) Fighter Squadron was ready for combat, but no commander in Europe would take a black squadron," said Richardson. "It took eight months, until May 1943, until a black squadron finally went into combat."

Once they were allowed into combat, the Tuskegee Airmen proved themselves to be exceptional and dynamic pilots.

"The Tuskegee Airmen participated in 1,578 missions in Europe, and never lost a single bomber that they were escorting, due to enemy aircraft action."

The story of the Tuskegee Airmen has become more well-known in recent years due to the grassroots work of educators such as Richardson, and the movies and documentaries that have been made about the group. Most recently, in March 2007, the remaining Tuskegee Airmen were presented with Congressional Gold Medals by U.S. President George W. Bush.



Dr. Eugene Richardson (left) receives a book from BGen Stephen Wilson, DComd FE and CANR.

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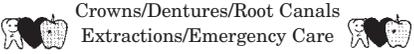
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Aries (March 21 - April 19): The power of your convictions will ensure you get results, so persevere. The fallout from an unfair judgment was not what you expected. This needs to be rectified. Vindication for past actions of others and/or yourself are about to occur. Honesty and humility will be rewarded.

Libra (September 23 - October 23): Change is coming. Play a waiting game just now, though. Assess a situation before making your move. Keep options open until you know which way the wind blows. Others involved may have individual agendas that are not in sync with the person who ends up in power.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20): Many of your best ideas depend on outside influences in order to succeed. If this results in delays, relax and use the time to take a rest. It's easier to grapple with feelings of disappointment when you know they are temporary. Be patient. Have faith.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 21): Gain is good but excess should be avoided. Moderation is important right now. Your image is changing and you find a "new you," is emerging. Links are broken, connections are lost. However new friendships are forged. You see another side of yourself and others.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21): Whatever you think your next step should be, think it through. And then think it through, again. You may not be looking in the right place for the required support or resources. Hidden assets and talents are left untapped if you just do the obvious. Try some creative brainstorming.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Let others know what you want. You are in a position to name your terms. You stand out as one who has everything under control. Note that nature and time are not under your jurisdiction though, so be flexible and factor these variables into your plans.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Resolution of conflicts has a positive impact on your health and wellbeing so it's a worthy goal, however, you can't do it by pretending differences don't exist. You've been seeing what you want to see, and open to manipulation. To check what is really going on, get a second opinion.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19): No matter how complicated the scenario; the truth is quite simple. Someone is trying to play games with you. The more caustic the comments voiced, the more likely there are hidden motives. Watch how you respond. Don't play into their hands or buy the lies.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): You want instant results but you can't do everything by yourself. Try to get others to back your idea. However, if there is someone else who could lead the group better, hand over the reins. It's not about popularity but the bottom line, which is what counts to the decision makers.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18): You want to feel a sense of purpose but be patient. Still don't take all the time in the world to decide when presented with choices. Listen to hunches on how to proceed and strike while the iron is hot. Make adjustments later, if necessary. Your confidence increases as you go.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): For the best results, practice discipline. Use your talents. Show what you can do. You're in a gentle transition phase. Material gain is slow but steady. Discover what drains you, what sustains you and what drives you to succeed; then use the information to enhance your life.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20): You have many skills and will often seem to pull off the impossible. Others see this and are quick to press you into service. Become more proactive so work, works for you. Yes, it is a way to earn your living, and yes you can take pride in what you do, but don't overdo it.

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Learning More About the GCWCC



(L-R) 17 WComd Col Scott Howden, Tricia Schers of United Way Winnipeg, Marilyn Kapitany, Assistant Deputy Minister Western Economic Diversification, and Derrick Saedel of the City of Winnipeg at the GCWCC leadership presentation on 18 October.

By Karen Christiuk

When her 83-year-old father lost his vision due to macular degeneration, Marilyn Kapitany saw first-hand the impact of United Way and the organizations it supports. "Through the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, he was able to get the equipment to reconnect with the world of learning again," said Kapitany, ADM Western Economic Diversification and Co-Chair of the Government Division, who has been involved with the Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign (GCWCC) for 25 years. "Giving to charity is a very personal thing," she said. "If you can think about what you're able to do, and what you can give, you can make Winnipeg a better place."

Marilyn Kapitany and Derrick Saedel, Chair of the City of Winnipeg Workers Campaign, spoke to personnel at 1 Can Air Div/CANR HQ on October 18 on the GCWCC, which raises money in support of United Way. The organization distributes money to countless local charities with mandates to reduce poverty, support youth and build better neighbourhoods. Kapitany and Saedel's presentations focused on the importance of leadership in the GCWCC.

The two presenters were introduced by LCol Howden, 17 WComd, who said that in 2006, 17 Wing and 1 Cdn Air Div raised \$109,000 towards the GCWCC, and this year they hope to raise \$115,000.

"We're taking more of a leadership focus this year and encouraging personnel to donate \$100 a month," said LCol Howden. "If you drink coffee, it amounts to two 'double-doubles' a day at Tim Hortons."

Derrick Saedel, who has been involved with the United Way for six years, also gave a very emotional presentation. Saedel spoke about his battle with alcoholism — which lasted for 18 years — and how at his lowest point he, "passed out on a motorcycle doing 100 kilometres an hour."

Saedel, who has been sober for several years, said that the United Way of Winnipeg helps many people who are going through similar issues. "Thankfully, there are places where people with addictions can get help, such as the Main Street Project... The next time you see someone on the street who looks 'down and out,' know that your donation to the United Way will help them get up."

To find out how you can support the GCWCC at 17 Wing, visit <http://17wing.winnipeg.mil.ca/wadmin/GCWCC/index.htm>



The Good

Best/Fullest Beard. First place went to Cpl Corey Pratte of 435 Sqn.



The Bad

Most Futile Attempt. Prize to Cpl Sean Culleton of 435 Sqn.



The Ugly

Scraggliest Beard. Top "honours" to MWO Marc Michaud, Wing AdminO.



The Judges

The Judges: (from left) Eveline Gaudreau, Lorianne McNabb and Lorna Brown were the day's judges, who awarded the "People's Choice" award (or Highest Bribe) to Sgt Daniel Hache of Wing Admin.

GCWCC Halloween Beard Competition

The GCWCC Halloween Beard Competition brought out the Good, the Bad, the Ugly, and \$544 for the campaign at the 31 October Wing Commander's Coffee at WTISS. Thanks to everyone who came out and supported the day, and to all those who entered the fray.



(L to R) MCpl Rob "Grim Reaper" Kessler, Patricia "Cowgirl" White and Manon "Mummy" Deschamps from 1 Cdn Air Div.

GCWCC Casual Friday



(L to R) Lt(N) Amy Campbell (Ground Training TDO), Sgt Natalie Moore (PSO Sr Fin Supr), Bev Knight (Bldg 135 IT Support).

TEME GCWCC Breakfast



Mr. Wilfred Jones (TEME/Transport) served up eggs anyway you like at the annual TEME GCWCC breakfast. The breakfast raised \$2001.00 for GCWCC.



WO Maggie Low sells an auction ticket to Carol Donegan. The auction, run at the same time as the TEME breakfast, brought in \$1547.00 for GCWCC.

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