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In-studio With The Air Command Band: Painting Pictures With Sound

By Sergeant Benjamin Trowell, Air Command Band Public Relations Department

When we think of musicians, we often see an image of a musical star performing on a concert stage to a large and appreciative audience. When these same musicians move into the studios to record, the final product may indeed be a commercial or “solo” album of their own work. The music they play may be recorded for a number of different purposes, including music for television commercials, movies, educational products, and other related products in which recorded music is required.

For military bands in Canada, recording music in the studio is often a very different thing. Consider this: most average-sized musical groups, when they perform, have anywhere from three to 10 performers (a 10-piece group is considered quite a large ensemble in the industry). The Air Command Band “in concert” is by definition a Concert Band or “Symphonic Band” — and is comprised of no less than 35 performers, some of who will also play secondary instruments on occasion — even during the same piece of music. This has a direct impact on the complexities of the recording session. For recording engineers — the technicians in the music studios who help to create the finished audio products — the sheer size of a band can define the number of recording challenges that await them. The more band members there are, for example, the more challenges are created — exponentially.

When a typical five-piece commercial band goes into a studio to record, the sound technician’s job is already technically complicated. So preparation is everything. Indeed, the thing that precedes most good sound recordings — often weeks in advance of the recording day itself — is a series of intense rehearsals. When the big day arrives, the musicians step in for what now should ideally be a series of intense performances — all of which are recorded.

Prior to rolling the tape, studio technical preparation is required as well. There are basically two technician jobs or roles within any recording studio where live musicians are recorded, and that’s why there are always at least two sound techs on most studio recording sessions. The first sound tech is usually in the studio itself with the musicians, on and off, either before and/or at different times during the recording session. Their job is fairly mobile within the recording space: prior to the start of recording (and sometimes during the beginning stages) this sound tech is constantly moving around, carrying out the setting up, placement, and testing of microphones, running wires

from microphones and amplifiers into the sound booth, setting up sound baffles, and related equipment. The microphone or line in from each musician is checked and double-checked and the sound levels themselves are tested repeatedly. Then a larger series of sound checks begin for test balances and technical troubleshooting to ensure that everything is well-balanced and in good working order. To record electronic musical instruments (ie, electric guitars or keyboards instruments) the sound is directly patched in by wiring from the instrument itself into the main recording sound board or mixing board inside the sound booth. For acoustic instruments (ie a trumpet or a clarinet) and vocals, the musician simply plays or sings into a microphone, which is then also fed into the sound booth’s main board. In both cases, the best quality of sound or signal is tested before recording begins.

The other sound tech — the main recording technician or chief engineer — is the person operating the soundboard inside a separated sound booth. They are the main conduit through which all subsequent recording issues are dealt with, and to some degree they help direct and assist the performances onto tape during the recordings. Their job is hugely complex and deals with many subtle nuances of sound, balance, and sound shapes: the chief engineer helps to mix the various sound colours onto the larger palette and to attain the overall sound quality that the musicians themselves are trying to achieve.

Finally, the recording begins. In a series of definitive performances each instrumental part is recorded onto a separate track of the digital tape, either one by one or (more often) while the other instruments of the group (each on

their separate tracks) are recorded simultaneously. When the final product is put forth, it is the culmination of the efforts of multiple teams of people, the Music Director (the bandleader or conductor) and the chief sound technician. At times like these, it’s easy to see how chief sound engineers, while they may be technicians, are very much artists in their own right.

So it goes for a standard four or five-piece band. The process is essentially the same for large symphonic bands, but on a much larger scale. For the Air Command Band, this means recording on multiple channels at once. With extra instruments needed for extra soundtracks, and added voices, often a 35-piece band recording will require upwards of 50 different tracks for each piece of music. In this sense, recording a military band as a symphonic band is really more like recording an entire orchestra. It is a very different world from recording the much smaller standard Top Forty bands, or various rock band types and combina-

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Sergeant Jeff Cooper plays a hot jazz solo on alto saxophone during Air Command Band’s “Rhythm In Blue” Stage Band performance at Assiniboine Park’s Lyric Theatre in Winnipeg, MB.

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A Short Reflection On Being A Musician In The Air Command Band

By Warrant Officer Bart Hasselfield, Air Command Band Public Relations

On most Saturday mornings in my house the normal ritual consists of reading from front page to back the Saturday edition of the Toronto Globe and Mail. Armed with really strong coffee and toast, I spread the paper over the coffee table and floor of the living room and try to absorb every word from the important headlines on the front page to the computer ads on the back.

About a year ago, while reading the April 9th edition, my imagination was captured by a fascinating account of a man's life given in one of the obituaries. The man, Michael Cassidy, had been a successful businessman and publisher and had died the previous month in Toronto. He was 81. The article stated that as a young man he had been a tail gunner on a Halifax bomber which had collided with a Lancaster while returning from a bombing run over Germany in April 1944. Mr. Cassidy had parachuted out of his plane over Holland, the sole survivor of the crash. After eluding enemy troops for three days, he had been taken captive and was interned by the Nazis until his release at war's end.

After the war, the article noted, Mr. Cassidy had returned to Canada and begun a life which brought forth success in business, creation of a publishing company, and several marriages with many children and grandchildren. In 1985, Mr. Cassidy had returned to Holland, and had seen the resting place given to the other crew members, in a cemetery in Zuilichem. Throughout his life, Mr. Cassidy's feelings about having survived the war, while the rest of his aircrew had not, had been so strong that he then made arrangements to be buried in that same cemetery when his time came.

This account of Mr. Cassidy's life and his wish to be buried beside his friends struck me as very unique and special. I remember telling several people at home and at work about how fascinated I was by this man's life and his request.

Several weeks after reading that obituary, 16 members of the Air Command Band, including myself, were sent to Holland. We were to form part of the contingent band which was being created to provide musical support for the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Holland. The band was comprised of musicians from all three elements - Navy, Army, Air Force - and included members both from the Regular Force and Reserves. We were billeted in the base at Harskamp in the middle of a pine forest, about an hour from Amsterdam.

We spent the first week there rehearsing a huge marching show with the guard which was to be performed for Canadian Veterans and the people of Holland as part of the special anniversary celebrations. In addition to the marching shows,



Combined Contingent Band on Parade during celebrations of the 60th Anniversary of the Liberation Of The Netherlands in spring of 2005.

we were tasked to lead a large group of Canadian Veterans in parades through the streets of Apeldoorn and Harderwijk, and to provide music for formal remembrance ceremonies at the Canadian Cemeteries in Holten, Groesbeek, and Reichswald (Germany).

During one of the rehearsals, we were given vocal music to learn - a four part harmony rendition of The Airman's Prayer - to be sung, not played. Shortly after, we began our hectic schedule, traveling all over Holland and playing for the remembrance services, street parades and football stadium shows.

On one rainy, cool day in the first week of May, we got onto the buses and were transported with police motorcycle escort to the village of Zuilichem.

We were led out of the bus, in single file, without instruments. We quietly made our way through the gate in the hedges into a beautiful cemetery surrounded by trees and farmyards. We formed up as a choir, around a group of plain gravestones which marked the final resting places of the crew of a Halifax bomber which had collided with a Lancaster while returning from Germany over 60 years ago. One stone was covered in cloth. The ceremony began. A hero was being laid to final rest. The piper played the lament and prayers were offered. As High Flight was read we sang The Airman's Prayer in the four part harmony we had learned a week earlier. The ceremony ended, and we filed out quietly, our boots crunching lightly on the gravel path.

No one spoke as we returned to the bus, our minds and hearts filled with thoughts of the life of the man whose wish to return had been granted. We were thankful for a moment given to us as fortuitous participants in a solemn historical event. Such moments are rare. Rest in Peace, Mr. Cassidy.

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tions in the world of pop music.

During December of 2005, the Air Command Band recorded a new and exciting album of music. This new CD was recorded at the Burton Cummings Theatre (formerly the Walker Theatre) in the heart of Winnipeg's historic Exchange District. There are many different styles of music on this new album, from Jazz through classical and standard military marches. All of these genres of music required their own special method of recording, depending on which role each instrument may play in a given piece of music. To ensure the highest quality of recording, contract sound technicians from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation were brought in to handle both the recording and mixing of the CD.

The contents of the new recording are as diverse as the instruments of the band. The album features a musical setting of the famous Air Force Poem "High Flight," and another setting of the Air Force Hymn "Lord Guard and Guide," as well as music from the films "633 Squadron" and "Band Of Brothers." The highlight of the CD is the Air Command Band's performance of a work titled "Lonely Beach." During the final phases of the mixing-down of this work, a separate piece of sound - an historic excerpt or sound bite from the archives of the CBC - was added to the beginning of this symphonic band tone poem. It's an actual news broadcast, a real-life recorded broadcast of the beginnings of the Invasion of Normandy during World War II.

The recording of this CD was a challenging and exciting task. The entire album was initially recorded over a five-day period, - with many sessions following on subsequent days in which extra tracks were added, both for extra instruments and to reinforce other tracks. Vocal parts were added to various pieces as well, notably, some chorus parts for the symphonic tone poem "Lord Guard and Guide." Further post-production took place over several weeks, in which the larger issues of recording were addressed, including balances, further mixing, and overall sound shapes. The overall result is a new, truly superlative recording of music for symphonic band - by one of Canada's finest bands - the Air Command Band.

For your free copy of this exciting new recording, and for further information about the Air Command Band, please contact us at 833-2500, extension 5182. Or visit our website: <http://www.airforce.forces.ca/ac-band>

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Recruiters Right On Target

By Avery Wolaniuk

Career fairs, high publicity events, school visits and long walks on the beach; they've done them all. And by doing them, the recruiting centre in Winnipeg has met their goal this year. Across the country, recruiters hit 106% of their target numbers, in Regular and Reserve force combined.

Recruiting is high priority for the CF right now, particularly since Op CONNECTION was launched in January 06. The Chief of Defence Staff set a goal for recruiters — 8000 new members by 2010. That number won't happen overnight, and can't happen by itself. This year's success is one step along the way.

"It just wasn't by accident," says Capt Chuck Cadick, the man in charge of the recruiters at the Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre (CFRC) in Winnipeg. "We met our numbers before anyone else did, and we met our goal before the end of the year. We were on target because we had a very detailed plan."

That detailed plan covered events of all seasons, and went where no recruiter had gone before — at least not one from CFRC Winnipeg. At a planning meeting last year, the staff sat down and brainstormed some new approaches. "The recruiters identified to me that we're very slow during the summer because the educational institutions shut down," says Capt Cadick. "But that doesn't mean that our target audience disappears from our area. So what we had to do was find out where our target audiences were and how to reach them." And where can you find young adults finished school for the year during the hot summer months? Just follow the smell of suntan lotion. Recruiters headed out to Grand Beach to hand out flip flops, to Assiniboine Park to give away CF labelled water bottles, to the Morris Stampede, and anywhere else they could think of. They even had a go-kart at Thunder Rapids Fun Park just west of the perimeter wrapped in Cadpat.

"We're proactive. We don't just sit at the counter and wait for people to come through the door," says PO2 Brian Gilchrist, who has been with the CF for 17 years and has been with the recruiting centre since last summer. "If you do the same thing, you're going to get the same results. We understood that," adds Capt Cadick.

The point of the events is not always directly recruiting. A large part of their job is just getting the word out there, planting the idea of the CF in the public mind. In order to do that, they participate in events like this month's Skills Manitoba competition at Red River College. MCpl Lisa Harrower-Smeets, a recruiter from 735 Communications Regiment, spent a day with some grade eight girls at a conference

for young women, getting the word out there about occupations available in the military. "It's going to expose these young girls to a career option that they may not have previously considered. Who knew you could do that in the military as a woman?" says Sgt Michelle Rerrie, the recruiter who helped co-ordinate the CFRC's involvement in the event.

MCpl Harrower-Smeets travelled with the girls to the event in the afternoon, after spending the morning mentoring them, speaking about her job and the kinds of things they could do in the military. This is just one example of planning for the long-term. "We may not see anything from that for two more years, when they are old enough to join reserves," says MCpl Harrower-Smeets. But it's still important to do because, says Capt Cadick, most people need to be exposed to the military seven times before they show active interest in joining. "The important thing is the planting of the seed, because it may come to fruition four or five years down the road," he says.

And for these recruiters, success is not in the big numbers, but in the personal interactions. "When we receive a single application, if we touched one person and made them want to join, it was successful," says PO2 Gilchrist. The number of people reached at an event used to be tracked by bar codes printed on application forms; with the transition to eApplications, that is no longer the case. Online applications have helped to increase the numbers of people applying. The process allows prospects to track their application process, and is significantly faster than the old paper format. The website is also an easy way for people who live a long way from a recruiting centre to learn about a career with the military.

In the year that ran from April 05 to March 31 06, CFRC Winnipeg, which handles all the recruiting in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and northern Ontario, enrolled 868 new recruits. But do the math. For every one person enrolled, three people had to be interviewed. For every person interviewed, three people put in applications.



Cpl Jay Lajoie (left) and Sgt Gaston Plante from WTEME judged one of the stations at the Skills Manitoba competition at Red River College. Mr. Brian Moodie helped oversee the event in which Karl Yeo (bottom) was a competitor.

And for every application put in, many, many more people met recruiters, saw the booths, rode in the go-kart and talked to somebody in uniform about military life.

The goal for the staff at the CFRC is not only to recruit, but to recruit well. That means helping applicants find the occupation that is right for them, not just the one that is a little low in

numbers right now. "This CFRC has really bought into that 'total force' package. Everybody realizes that we want the new applicant to be a long-term member of the forces, so we'll strive to make sure that they're in the right trade so that happens," says Cpl Jamie Anderson, a recruiter who is also a Section Commander of 13 Military Police Platoon. "And we know that that's the best recruiting of all — retention. Having them stay in the forces is one less person we have to recruit down the road if they decide to shorten their career because it wasn't right."

For the people who work at the office on York Ave., "team work" and "total force" are the buzzwords to live by. Regular and reserve recruiters work together, co-ordinating resources and brainpower. They are recruiting for units right across the board, not just their own. "Prospects don't know what they are looking for when they come in, so we send them along to others happily," says MCpl Harrower-Smeets of 735 Sqn. "The big picture is the focus," adds Sgt. Rerrie. "There's not a huge distinction between 'you're a reserve recruiter and I'm a reg force recruiter'."

Some applicants do know what they want when they come through the doors. Sgt Rerrie says she was initially surprised at how many people came looking to join the infantry. "My experience has been that if 10 people walk in, five of them are looking at some sort of combat arms," she says, an assessment the other recruiters agree with. The other half of that number are people looking to use their skills in a new setting, seeking a little adventure. And then there are those looking for something new altogether. The job the recruiters have is to help a prospect figure out which of the 121 career options available in the CF is right for them.

The year may be finished, but the recruiting is not. The team at the CFRC never even slowed down with the transition; there are new goals to meet, and new ideas to implement. They have to increase their numbers 11% this year, meaning they are looking to recruit 999 new people in the next 12 months. To do that, they'll be out on Canada Day, at job fairs, back at the stampede, walking along the boardwalk at the beach, and behind the counter at the CFRC, talking to the future employees of the CF.



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MSS Update - RMS Clerks

By Avery Wolaniuk

When the Mission Support Squadron deploys to Maple Flag and then overseas, they will provide heat, power, housing, plumbing, water, maintenance and all other services necessary to run a camp in theatre. But they also need support structures within their unit. They need to be paid. They need paperwork filled out. They need claims filed, and personnel issues addressed. RMS clerks have been assigned to the unit to fill those needs.

"Like anywhere, every military unit needs that administrative support. It needs the pay and claims support, no matter where they are, whether it's in the field or on a base, or anywhere in the world. We're just part of the logistics support staff that follows the troops," says MCpl Jeff Johnson, an RMS clerk supervisor now on the MSS.

The RMS staff will travel with their desks in their briefcases — literally. Their workspace will travel with them; it's a collapsible structure that is to open out into a desk, complete with drawers. From these mobile workstations, the clerks will set up at EX Maple Flag and run an OR room. They are responsible for pay, for claims, for most of the behind-the-scenes paperwork it takes to support an operation. "We're doing basically the same job we did in the Wing Orderly Room, only for the MSS in a deployed stature. When we're in Cold Lake, we'll be running an orderly room, and same thing when we're deployed overseas," MCpl Johnson says.

Pte Lise Marriott is one of those clerks heading out. She came in to the orderly room last year and is looking forward to her first tour and her first time overseas. "I think it will be a good experience," she says. For the first few weeks of training, the clerks participated in the refresher courses for the MSS. "Training's fun," says MCpl Johnson. "It's a nice break from day-in, day-out at the office. You get to go out to the range, or wander around in the forest with a map and compass."

The units that these clerks have departed from have to figure out how to continue to offer the same services to the same number of people on the base with far fewer staff.

Not all of the eight clerks were attached to the MSS. Some were sent out to other units on the base, like 402 Sqn, to fill the void made when those staff were assigned to the new unit. The plan, says Capt MaryAnn Beaugrand, the Wing Pers Admin O, was to lessen the hurt to these units by taking all the personnel out of the same area, and send in experienced clerks to try and trouble-shoot problems in the units before they reached the Wing OR. By doing that, they are helping to lessen the workload and waiting time at the

WOR.

Deciding how to manage the transition has been priority for Capt Beaugrand and Sgt Craig Mantle, the acting Wing Orderly Room Chief Clerk. They have hired eight new civilian clerks who will train and fill the positions until the deployed staff return next January. But that process is a little more complicated than it sounds. Once the job postings went out, Civilian Human Resources Centre (Prairies) sorted through the more than 500 applications, eventually testing 28 candidates, out of whom eight were eventually chosen.

"Once they come on board, they'll have to go through a training phase. Because of the amount of knowledge, you can't take somebody from the street and put them in a clerk's job and expect them to know it all," says Capt Beaugrand. In fact, they expect it to take six months for the new clerks to feel fully comfortable in their jobs.

In order to ease that transition, the positions themselves have been modified. One clerk will focus on claims, another on leave, and so on; it means the clerks won't be as well rounded, but it also won't take as long to know the job.

"The biggest effect is going to be delay," says Capt Beaugrand. "We've tried to mitigate that by putting an experienced clerk at the counter. His job is kind of like triage. He'll find out what the person needs; if he can help that person in 10 minutes or less, then he deals with them right then and there. If he can't deal with them, it's going to take longer than 10 minutes, then he books an appointment for them." Before the RMS clerks were attached to the MSS, waiting times at the Wing OR were virtually minutes. With the start of active posting season coming up, people can expect to have to book an appointment, which may not be for a week or two.

"Hopefully it won't be that long," says Sgt Mantle.

"The biggest thing we're looking for from the Wing personnel is patience and cooperation, and for people to really try and utilize their unit orderly room as much as possible," says Capt Beaugrand.



Chief Clerk of the MSS, Sgt Sandi Shemko, sits at one of the desks that collapses into transportable box form that will be used at Ex Maple Flag.

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For additional information please contact Mr. Chuck Haarsma, 17 Wing General Safety Officer (WGSO) at (204) 833-2500 Extension 5950, Warrant Officer Pat Kieffert, A/WGSO at Extension 4149 or the WGS Office Administration Assistant, Ms. Julianna Fillion at Extension 5913.

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Padre's Corner

By Padre Brinn

I know this professor, a psychiatrist, who has spent a number of years attempting to design a questionnaire that would measure people's spirituality. He has a thesis and it is this: some people have a higher quotient for spirituality and are more adept at spiritual matters. He wants to devise a test whereby he can measure levels of spirituality. He asks people questions like, "Do you pray" or "How often do you find yourself thinking about God?" Questions like that.

His main interest is the possible link between spirituality, or a lack of it, and addiction. On the basis of his preliminary results from administering this test to many people, he feels that he has established a link. That is, people prone toward addiction are often people who score low on a test of their level of spirituality. He theorizes that, lacking much spirit they attempt to solve their spiritual yearnings through inappropriate ways, through the spirits of alcohol.

How do you think you would score on such a test? I meet people who sometimes say things like, "I'm not very religious. I am not active in any religious community. But I do consider myself very spiritual."

What I presume they mean is that, though their lives are devoid of religious disciplines and practices, though they are not committed to any particular religious institution, they have an interest in spiritual matters, a fascination with things of the Spirit.

What about you?

Amy B. Hunter, in her book "The Show me Discipline" relates this story.

"I don't have a good mind for abstract thought. Generalizations, abstractions, are a reach for me. When I got to seminary, I went downtown to the Philosophy Department and tried to take a philosophy course. The first two

classes in the philosophy class sailed right past me. So I met with the professor to complain, to seek help in comprehending the material better. He found out I was from South Carolina. He said to me, 'You are a Southerner. You people are not good at abstract thinking. You tell stories. You figure out the world through narrative. Anything we do in philosophy, you can do better through literature. Faulkner, O'Connor, all our best writers are your people! You go take some literature courses and stay out of philosophy!'

"That was my last brush with philosophy. I like my truth to come at me concrete, specific, embodied, and incarnational. When Thomas returns to the upper room and the disciples tell him what they had seen, he responds, "Unless I see the mark of the nails — in fact, until I touch those marks and put my hand in the wound in his side, I'm not going to believe." Thomas desires proof. No, what he wants is presence, embodiment. He wants Jesus. Thankfully, when Jesus appears a second time to his disciples, Thomas is there. Jesus doesn't rebuke Thomas for his desire for visible, tangible, concrete verification, he lovingly tells him to, 'Put your fingers in my hands, and touch my side.' He has a personal encounter, a face-to-face with Jesus that enables him to be a believer. 'My Lord and My God!' says Thomas in response. Nobody else, in all of John's gospel, has said that much, that clearly and enthusiastically, or that openly about Jesus. Nobody to this point in John's Gospel has been able to have that much faith."

Some of us hold out like Thomas. Some of us are given a face-to-face, personal, embodied, undeniable encounter with God, which allows us to believe. We're just like Thomas. The good news is that God wants to give you just what you need to believe.

Supply Marches On... In the Wake of the MSS Stand Up

By OCdt Scotton

Effective 1 March 06, numerous personnel from the Wing Supply (WSup) Flight were cutover to the 17 Wing Mission Support Squadron (MSS), leaving a much-reduced complement of staff to continue with service levels as they were. Although efforts had been—and continue to be—made to mitigate the effects of the temporary reduction in staff until the MSS's return from post-deployment leave end January 07, there was simply no way to completely offset the loss of numbers of qualified personnel and their supply knowledge and expertise to the MSS.

As a result, wing clientele may experience a slight increase in turnaround time in the processing of their demands in certain areas of WSup, such as: the Main Warehouse for

PP&S (DND Stock), IMPs, Pubs, and vehicle spare parts; Repair & Disposal for the disposal of assets through CADC and loans of equipment; and Aircraft Maintenance Supply Group (AMSG) 16 Hangar for aircraft parts replacement.

The one area where the pain will be most felt is 17 Wing Supply Clothing Stores. While every effort was made to keep the service levels at their normal level, manning and expertise priority was given to AMSG to keep the aircraft flying, which includes maintain-

ing a shift schedule. Thus, the current hours of operation in Clothing Stores were no longer tenable and a reduction in hours open to the wing populace became effective 27 March 06. The new hours of operation open to walk-ins is from 0900-1300hrs, daily. Tailoring service hours will follow those of Clo Strs, open daily from 0900-1300hrs. Additionally, Clo Strs will be open the first and third Tuesday of every month, from 1800-2100hrs, in support of the Reserves. Emergencies and kitting appointments for clothing items will be entertained on an individual basis, by contacting Clo Strs at either local 6585 or 6081. It must be mentioned that while the walk-in hours of operation are temporarily reduced, the remaining hours of the work day are spent on receipting incoming clothing, re-stocking shelves, tailoring, reviewing and conditioning clothing and related items returned by clients at the counter and processing all paperwork associated with the above. In this manner, we hope to have the clothing items on the shelf and available for customers during the walk-in period.

Despite the above, morale remains high within the WSup Flight, as we carry on with day to day operations in support of the Wing. The Flight has seen several new Term employees join our ranks as part of the MSS backfill mitigation strategy, and these new members have integrated well into the existing organization and are quickly bringing themselves up to speed on supply related procedures. The motivation and esprit de corps of those personnel that have moved over to the MSS is also very high, and we believe this will continue as they train and eventually deploy as a formed unit. We wish them all the best on their upcoming participation in Ex Maple Flag 39 in May 06, and their eventual deployment overseas from Jun to Dec 06.

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A Canadian contracted Mi-8 on the ground at one of the African Union camps in the Darfur.



Major Colin Keiver on the airport ramp in El Fasher, Darfur standing in front of Canadian contracted Mi-8 helicopters.

Alone And Unafraid!

By Major Colin Keiver, OPAUGURAL

One of the “perks” about being a deployed member of the CF is the excellent support we get from our folks at home. I could launch off on a tangent here about “perk” and “deployed” being in the same sentence, but we’ll leave that one alone. Anyways, the other day I was sitting here in Khartoum, Sudan reading a Voxair that contained articles by folks living and working in Afghanistan. When I finished, I was left with a feeling of emptiness that was over and above the usual one associated with missing the wife and children. After some reflection, I realized what the problem was. Like anybody, I too confess to needing to be recognized and I came to the conclusion that what was causing that added feeling of emptiness was a lack of recognition. While everyone talks about Afghanistan, very few are talking about Sudan and the CF personnel deployed in that part of the world. Given that I’m the only serving Air Force officer in Khartoum, Sudan, I decided to take it upon myself to rectify this shortcoming.

I left Canada on the 25th of November and since that time I’ve been working as the Air Operations Advisor to the African Union Mission in the Sudan (AMIS). Known as Operation AUGURAL within the CF, I’m part of a small mission that is providing advisors and technical experts to the African Union forces acting as peacekeepers in the Darfur region of Sudan. Working directly with African members of the force, we’re working hard at bringing peace and stability to a region the size of France with logistical challenges that give logisticians nightmares. I say that somewhat tongue in cheek because honestly, I don’t think I’d want to work with a logistician who doesn’t have nightmares about this place. As an example, it takes trucks two weeks to move fuel from the single refinery in the country to the main distribution point in the Darfur; a distance of 1200 km across some of the most inhospitable terrain and in the harshest environment this planet has to offer. In my position as Air Operations Advisor, keeping AMIS aircraft operating in support of the mission is critical to mission success. Almost 100% of the food required to feed the soldiers in the field is flown in from Khartoum on daily flights and once out there, the vast majority is being delivered via helicopter. The economy in Darfur is incapable of sustaining even the local population and almost everything needs to be brought in from outside.

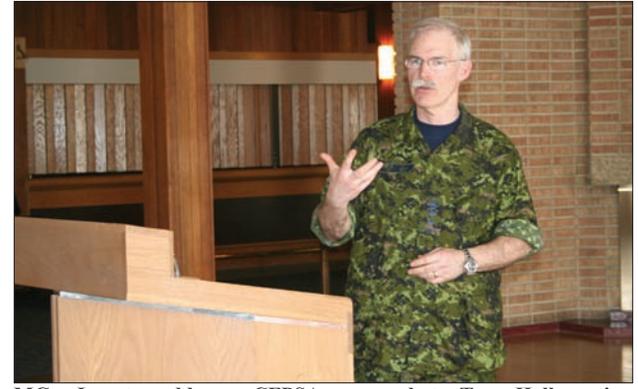
Living and working in Sudan is not without its share of challenges either. A Muslim state with a very strong military and police presence in all aspects of daily life, and an underdeveloped and often corrupt infrastructure, even the

little things one takes for granted in Canada take on significant meaning here. I have eaten steak exactly twice since I arrived. The first was simply because I wanted a steak, the second because it was impossible for me to believe that a steak as bad as the first one could be anything but an anomaly. I now know better. I’ve also learned to forget all rules of the road. They take up valuable storage space that could be better devoted to other, more important things such as figuring out how to get into the British Embassy on Thursday nights where one is actually able to have a beer. With five weeks to go, we’re entering the hot season and it’s not uncommon to have daytime highs approaching 50 degrees C. At this time of year, dust is absolutely everywhere. Water and power outages are an everyday occurrence and not having either in a climate like this makes for interesting times in both the office and at home. Mind you, like any good soldier I always try to find the positive in life and I should point out that I’ve been brushing my teeth with bottled water now for 26 weeks. Water outages don’t affect my ability to have “minty-fresh” breath in the slightest.

Perhaps the thing that has struck me the most about coming to Sudan is seeing first hand how much the Government of Canada continues to put into trying to resolve the Darfur conflict. It’s a story that has not been well told at all in Canada and it should be. To date, Canada has contributed over 330 million dollars in direct aid to the Darfur region and is one of the single largest donor nations to the region. That includes humanitarian assistance as well as direct assistance to the African Mission. Every contracted helicopter that flies in the Darfur with AMIS on its side also has a Canadian flag on its side. The airlift of all food and cargo from Khartoum to Darfur is done with contracted aircraft paid for by the Government of Canada, as is every drop of fuel that goes into every single aircraft AMIS flies, whether it is an airplane or a helicopter. We’ve donated 105 armoured personnel carriers, with a significant amount of ammunition as well as providing for all of the maintenance, that have significantly improved the African Union’s ability to carry out its mission. Almost every helmet and flak vest worn by African Union soldiers serving in the Darfur were donated by Canada. One would be hard-pressed to find a better example of the new “3 D” approach (Diplomacy, Development, Defence) to foreign policy that Canada has adopted. I’m merely an Air Operations Advisor, but it seems to me that we’re doing an awful lot here while keeping in mind that the only practical solution to the problem is an African solution, not one imposed by Westerners.

Serving in Sudan on OPAUGURAL has not been without its fair share of challenges and hardships. There are days when it seems we take ten steps backwards for every one step forward. Through it all though, I have been struck by the African desire to make their continent a better place, even if they don’t necessarily have either the resources or the know-how to make it happen. The problems this continent faces are many and complicated and I certainly don’t have the solutions to them. What’s important though is that the Africans figure out those solutions and what Canada is doing here is a significant step in the right direction. Now, if only I knew when they were going to let me escape from the Air Div HQ and let me fly airplanes again...

CEO Visits 17 Wing



MGen Langton addresses CFPSA personnel at a Town Hall meeting on 10 April.

By Avery Wolaniuk

CEO of the Canadian Forces Personnel Support Agency (CFPSA) visited 17 Wing on 10 April, meeting with the WComd and senior staff, PSP and other CFPSA staff and checking out the facilities used to deliver the programs that are run by the agency. MGen Langton traveled with Mr. Greg Pearson, an executive of the agency.

CFPSA oversees Non-Public Property (NPP) on behalf of the CDS, and works to ensure that its customers — Regular and Reserve forces and their families, retired CF members, DND employees — get services, activities, morale and welfare programs that will enhance their quality of life. Three operational divisions make up the agency: Canadian Forces Exchange System (CANEX), SISIP Financial Services (SISIP FS) and Personnel Support Programs (PSP).

MGen Langton and Mr. Pearson toured the messes, fitness and recreational facilities, and other CFPSA facilities, talked with people at a coffee break at Building 90, and dropped in to each of the offices under their authority. “What I come out to the Bases and Wings to do is meet people,” the general said.

Those discussions continued at a Town Hall meeting in the afternoon. MGen Langton addressed the group that had gathered in the Officers’ Mess about his impressions of the day. “I’ve been impressed with the fact from the very beginning, from breakfast, and discussions from coffee, that you’re a team,” he said. “At the grassroots, you get along great, and you’re to be commended for that.” He also spoke about some of the changes that have been happening within the agency in Ottawa since he was appointed CEO 18 months ago.

The work that CFPSA does is not restricted to Canada by any means. Its mission is to “contribute to the operational readiness and effectiveness of the Canadian Forces,” according to the CFPSA website. “Where the Canadian Forces go, so do we,” said Mr. Pearson, executive Vice President, PSP, at the Town Hall. The agency provides civilian personnel who work on deployed ops, working as cashiers, bakers, travel co-ordinators, fitness instructors and in whatever other capacity may contribute to the morale and welfare of CF personnel on tour. CFPSA staff were among the first personnel on the ground in Kandahar, involved in camp life from the start. “We provide support to every single Canadian Forces member deployed anywhere in the world,” said Mr. Pearson.

CFPSA does what it can to bring a little bit of home to camp life. Right now, that means bringing a little bit of Tim’s to Afghanistan. “Our biggest public affairs issue in the last three to four weeks has been Tim Horton’s in Kandahar,” said the general. “There will be a Tim Horton’s in Kandahar—it’s just a matter of time.” Applications from the public to fill positions overseas have dropped off a little recently with the media attention on the war zone, but the company still receives more than 3000 applications for less than 100 positions available.

When the CF undergoes changes, the support agency must as well. Right now, with the focus on CF expansion, that means bringing in more physical fitness instructors to work with the increased numbers. And changes like that, tied in with getting the word out to people who can utilize the agency’s services, will mean an increase in business for CFPSA. “We’re probably not going to expand our business in the sense that we’re going to get into accommodations or travel,” MGen Langton said, “but if we can actually get out to the people who are eligible to be served by you, we can expand the business in that regard.”



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1 Canadian Air Division Welcomes Canada's Newest Air Force General

By Major Andy Coxhead, 1 Cdn Air Div Senior Public Affairs Officer

Winnipeg - About 100 staff from 1 Canadian Air Division turned out in the foyer of the Billy Bishop Building on Friday 14 April to greet Canada's newest Air Force General, BGen Andre Deschamps.

The unsuspecting BGen Deschamps arrived at 1 Air Division Headquarters to discuss Air Mobility issues with senior staff when he was met at the door by MGen Charlie Bouchard, Commander, 1 Cdn Air Division and Canadian NORAD Region.

MGen Bouchard was quick to introduce, "the latest and newest BGen in the Canadian Air Force" to the gathered masses and pointed out that newly promoted BGen Deschamps was out of dress. Then, on behalf of the Chief of the Air Staff, he handed BGen Deschamps a new 'General Officer's Wedge Cap.'

"It is a privilege and a pleasure," said BGen Deschamps. "You don't plan to become a General, you just do your job the best you can and if the senior leadership of the CF and the Minister of National Defence recognize your effort, it is a privilege."

BGen Deschamps was promoted to that rank on 12 April, without official military ceremony and he asked his wife Gayle to put on his new rank in the comfort of their Belleville, ON home. "It was a personal affair for us, and it marked the day quite nicely," said BGen Deschamps.

BGen Deschamps has been the Wing Commander at 8 Wing/CFB Trenton since the summer of 2004. He is posted to Canadian Expeditionary Forces Command and will assume the duties of the Chief of Staff at that Headquarters in Ottawa.



MGen Charles Bouchard greets BGen Andre Deschamps at 1 Canadian Air Division. BGen Deschamps was the former 8 Wing Commander.



The CFB Golf Course is now open for business.

On 21 April, the clubhouse and greens were ready for victims of cabin-fever ready to head outdoors and hit the greens. The course opens around 0600 hours every morning and stays open until dusk, seven days a week.

For the second year, the clubhouse is running a kitchen with crowd-pleasing choices, "And if you don't see it, just ask," says Darlyne Fathers, the manager at the club. The kitchen will be open until 1900 hours each evening.

You can expect to spend just under two hours on the nine-hole course, depending on your skill level and the number of players on the greens. It's open to all CF members, DND civilian employees, retired CF personnel, and civilians nominated by a member in good standing.

A round of golf is \$10, or membership is available. See the clubhouse for details.



Meet Lindsay Chmilnisky. She's the new Recreation Program Assistant, taking over the position from Dana Glover, who is on maternity leave. If she looks familiar to you, it's probably because Lindsay has been working at the 17 Wing pool as a lifeguard and instructor.

For the next year, she'll be responsible for the planning and registration of the camps run by Community Recreation, for the coordination of birthday parties, and other youth events. Lindsay is in the second year of a Recreation Management and Community Development degree at the University of Manitoba. The work she's doing in Building 90 is good experience for her chosen career path. "I'm looking forward to learning how to plan and getting to be creative," she says. Somewhere down the road she'd like to be a recreation director and this job is excellent experience.

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The Demise Of Hudson 768

Part 3 Of 7 – The Patrol

By HCol Wishart



In a series of articles, HCol Wishart tells the story of his early days in the Air Force. He left off the last installment preparing for a patrol departing from Torbay, Newfoundland the next morning.

January 27, 1942 Anti-Submarine Patrol, Hudson 768
11 (BR) Detachment, Torbay, Newfoundland

Crew: F/L A. Pilcher, Pilot

Sgt Hal Wishart, Second Pilot/Navigator

Sgt Harold Taylor, Wireless Air Gunner

Sgt Larry McGregor, Wireless Air Gunner

Hudson 768 (OYL) was one of three aircraft assigned to anti-submarine patrol on January 27. 768 was first off the ground at 0820 hours, with the other two scheduled to takeoff at 30 minute intervals. The weather was overcast and threatening snow, but no problems were anticipated when we became airborne.

At approximately 1030 hours we received at "606" recall to base — weather deteriorating fast. Thirty miles from the coast we encountered heavy snow, strong winds and limited visibility. We lowered altitude to approximately 500 feet to maintain visibility with the ocean and to determine drift from the wind lines on the waves. All navigation was done by "Dead Reckoning" as there was no Radio Range at Torbay. We made landfall at Bay Bulls and proceeded north to St. John's. We made RT contact with the radio shack at Torbay and they advised that the other two aircraft had landed — also that blizzard conditions existed and visibility was limited.

We flew through the harbour entrance, over the RC Cathedral, down Torbay Road to the guardhouse, made a sharp turn to port and missed the runway by a large margin. We made a second attempt but it was also unsuccessful. Radio shack advised we should try Gander — wider runways, etc., but the weather there was just as bad.

We climbed to 6000 feet and found broken cloud. Upon reaching Gander, I talked with the tower by R T. They advised that we not attempt a landing — ceiling and visibility were zero/zero. Torbay was now holding with limited visibility. I gave Pilcher a course for Torbay and, approximately half way, we experienced carburetor icing in the port engine and lost approximately half power with the engine almost quitting at times and then surging to full power at intervals. We were flying a MKI Hudson and it was not possible to feather the propeller, so Pilcher said he'd nurse the engine along.

When we reached RT contact with Torbay, they advised we let down over the ocean and make one more attempt to land. I was not looking forward to another "through the harbour, over the Cathedral, etc." landing attempt. We let down to visual over the ocean, and again flew through the harbour entrance, but Pilcher aborted any further attempt when we lost ground contact. We advised radio shack of our decision to proceed up the east coast on contact and hopefully get far enough north to sneak into gander on a westerly course, still on contact. Pilcher advised we should jettison anything and everything to reduce weight- oxygen bottles, ammunition from the rear turret, etc. Somewhere over Trinity Bay (I think) I dropped the four depth charges on "fire." Shortly after, the ceiling and visibility began to push us down and we aborted our original plan and climbed to 6000 feet. When we approximated Gander, I made repeated calls on RT but did not receive any response, more was there any acknowledgement to WT. (Later at Gander hospital, we learned that via the Newfoundland Postal/Telephone Exchange — A could call B, B could call C, etc. — a message ad reached Gander Station that an aircraft had flown very low over the village and had exploded in the harbor. As we were the only aircraft airborne and a severe storm was intensifying, Gander shut down the tower — plus everything else.)

We flew for some time in a holding position and then our starboard engine began to give us trouble. We then decided, as we could not raise Gander, to go onto S.O.S. frequency. After some time we received an answer from Eastern Air Command, Halifax, N.S. asking us for further identification as 768 had been reported "lost." Eastern Air Command then contacted no. 1 Group Headquarters, St. John's, who instructed Gander to go back on the air. When we finally made RT contact, they advised that they would attempt a "QDM" procedure to see if they could funnel us into the airport. The wireless key aboard the aircraft was locked down and bearing was taken on the signal. They gave us several changes in direction hoping to direct us into Gander, but they assumed we were east of Gander, when actually we were west.

It was about this time that the starboard engine began to give us serious trouble and Pilcher decided to put the aircraft down while we still had some power and flying control. McGregor was told to go down and lie on the bomb aimer's mat in the nose of the aircraft and to give us a shout when we could see tress looking straight down. He gave us a shout after what seemed an eternity, as we were letting down very slowly, and Pilcher and I came on visual at about 200 to 250 feet. Larry was told to get back into the cabin and for the next several minutes we flew over hill and down dale and finally spotted a likely

bog directly in front of us. Pilcher asked for 15 degrees of flap but the aircraft was so light, about 50 gallons of gas, no depth charges (four X 250 pounds) that 768 literally floated across the bog at about twenty feet. As we approached the tree line, I saw Pilcher put his feet up on the dash, so I followed suit.

Then we hit!

I remember most the noise; it was deafening! One large tree loomed up and struck the aircraft just aft of the starboard engine and tore off the wing. This slewed the aircraft around about 45 degrees, so we were then going through the trees broadside. The din was unimaginable! Poor 768 finally lost momentum and we came to a stop. Pilcher and I both had a lapful of snow when the plexiglass nose caved in. It was fortunate that the windscreen held. Taylor and McGregor were both okay.

Most of the windows on the port side were smashed out, the door was half off, and the fuselage was split through the rear turret. But we were down, and miraculously no injuries! After much hand-shaking and back-slapping, we piled out of the aircraft for an outside inspection. 768 was badly beaten up. I next noticed the weather.

Ground conditions were severe with biting snow blowing horizontally. We decided a small clump of spruce trees, about one hundred feet from the aircraft, would be our best bet to spend the night. The aircraft had actually come through a belt of trees and finally came to rest on the edge of another bog. With the aid of maps from the navigation kit, a broken ruler, bits and pieces, and the alcohol from one of the compasses, we got a fire going and kept it going all night. The spruce trees were giving us some protection. The worst part was chopping down firewood with the crash axe, which was very dull and short handled. It wasn't too long before it was dark.

The night was spent huddled together with many interruptions while someone left to chop down a tree. I regret to say at this point that not once did Pilcher volunteer to take a turn. In fact, until we were rescued, he did not participate in any activity. We three NCO's discussed this later in hospital and decided that the flight had physically and emotionally drained him. So we just carried on with what was required.



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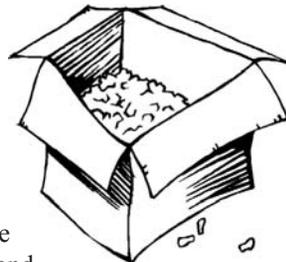
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The MFRC & Your Personal Info From The Assistant Deputy Minister (Human Resources – Military) [ADM (HR-Mil)]

Every September, your unit provides the local supporting Military Family Resource Centre with a nominal roll of all its personnel. This information includes your rank, name, home address, telephone number, and reason for notification. More importantly, your unit lets your local MFRC know, within 15 days, whenever you:



- are posted in and out of the unit;
- deploy on operations;
- proceed on imposed restriction (IR);
- proceed on temporary duty (TD) for 30 or more days, or;
- are seriously injured, missing or deceased.

With this information, your MFRC will be able to contact your family when they may need MFRC services. If you are deployed on an operation, for example, the MFRC can ensure that your family can access the many services available to them, such as the Mission Information Line (1-800-866-4546), and can connect with family activities.

MFRCs are mandated to collect and use information only in accordance with the privacy code of the Military Family Services Program and with applicable federal, provincial or territorial privacy legislation, and safeguard your privacy accordingly.

If you have questions regarding the policy, contact Chief Warrant Officer Ray McInnis, Directorate Quality of Life Family Services, at McInnis.RA@forces.gc.ca or at (613) 996-0894, or Ms Celine Thompson, Director Military Family Services, at Thompson.CA@forces.gc.ca or at (613) 992-0255.

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YOUR Winnipeg Military Family Resource Centre (WMFRC) respects and protects the privacy of its clients. The WMFRC and MFRC Childcare Centre may ask for your personal information such as: your name, address, phone number, and third party information such as emergency contact names and numbers, through registrations for various programs and services. This information is needed to deliver requested programs and services, for invoicing and collection where applicable, for follow-up contact with clients where required or requested and for the delivery of the Community Connections Newsletter. The WMFRC and MFRC Childcare Centre will not disclose your information to anyone without your consent unless circumstances such as legal, medical or security reasons make it impossible or impractical to seek consent.



To ensure the privacy of our clients, all information collected by the WMFRC is used solely for WMFRC purposes identified, under strict confidentiality in compliance with the Privacy Code for Military Family Services Program (MFSP) and Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA), Personal Health Information Act (PHIA) as well as Federal and Provincial Daycare Regulations.

If you have any questions or concerns about our privacy practices you may contact our Privacy Manager, Nicole Johnson at 833-2500 ext 4507.

For more information about MFRCs, privacy and your personal information consult CANFORGEN 164/05 at http://vcds.dwan.dnd.ca/vcde-exec/pubs/canforgen/2005/intro_e.asp and visit www.cfpsa.com/en/psp/dmfs/resources/policies_e.asp.

Thanks!

The staff, volunteers and Board of Directors of the MFRC would like to express warmest thanks and appreciation to all the Child Care Providers touching the lives of our 17Wing kids. From our Childcare Centre to our Youth Centre, at our Nursery School, Casual Care and many other programs, in support of deployment family briefings and special events. You will find these caring folks everywhere!



In recognition of Early Childhood Educators Week April 24-28, we say THANKS for your professionalism and passion as you strengthen our Military Community, one little person at a time. If you have care providers who make an impact on your child's life, let them know this week. It is a wonderful gift and way to celebrate ECE Week.

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Padre Lance Magdziak
Roman Catholic
Office 833-2500 ext 5272

Administrative Assistant
Carol Cochrane
Office 833-2500 ext. 5087

Masses
(English only)
Sunday 1100 hrs
Saturday 1630 hrs

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

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

Chaplains

Padre Bruce MacKenzie
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Office 833-2500 ext 5417

Padre Bob Brinn
(United Church)
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Padre Paul Southen
(United Church)
Office 833-2500 ext 4277

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Sunday Services
(English Only) 0900 hrs

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

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.

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 available during regular working hours for private prayer or meditation, or for small groups to worship in the manner of their faith.



Check This Out!!!!

This summer 17 Wing Community Recreation is offering a wide variety of sport camps, family events and preschool activities. We've added some new camps to the many returning by popular demand. Camps running this year include:

Golf	July 4-7 Aug 8-11
Soccer/Softball	July 10-14
Triathlon	July 17-21
Synchro/Dance	July 24-28
Racquets	July 31 – August 4
Ice Hockey	Aug 14 – 18
Basketball/Volleyball	August 21 – 25

We also have opportunities for Volunteering and Leadership Development for all ages!!!

Registration will begin on May 1st in the Community Recreation Office of Bldg.90 Recreation Centre.

For more information pick up a Sport Camp Guide in Bldg.90 or the Library. You can also check it out on the PSP web page www.pspwinnipeg.ca or on the DIN under Community Recreation.



Noon Hour Badminton Challenge

Submitted by Cpl. Rosalind Fitzpatrick

The 17 Wing Westwinners Badminton Club wants to challenge you to participate in their noon-hour badminton challenge at Building 90.

The intention of the badminton challenge is to promote fun and friendly rivalry among those who love the sport. At the same time the club wishes to promote awareness of the sport and invite anyone who is interested to come out and play, whatever your skill level. For more information please contact Cpl Rosalind Fitzpatrick at 833-2500 ext 5404.



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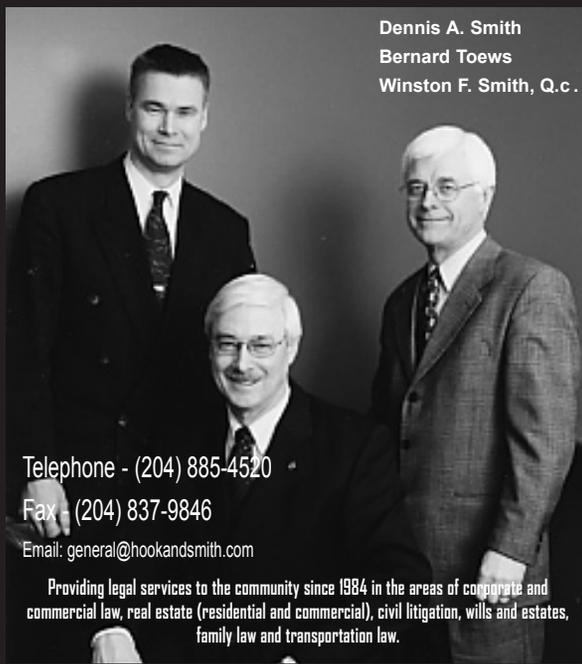


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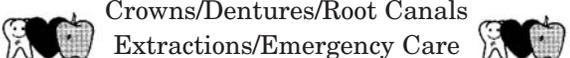
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Aries (March 21 - April 19): Hiding from the world and the flood of emotions you're experiencing might sound good, but if you just relax and stick with it, you'll realize subtle changes have occurred in your own feelings and someone else's. Be patient and non-judgmental with others and especially with yourself.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20): The sky is the limit in terms of what is possible if you are prepared to give the time required. Believe in your vision; it will have to sustain you for a while. Sometimes doubts can set in and others aren't supportive. Crafting something special requires patience and talent; hone both.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21): The focus is on communication and money matters and they are often connected. Send out your resume, network and improve your skills. Use your gift of the gab. Be honest with yourself if you are wasting time and effort. Travel will open doors for you. Relocation is possible.

cancer (June 22 - July 22): You may wonder why no one notices that you're feeling fragile. You've created an image of being able to manage and have earned the title "the one with all the answers." So if you want peace of mind; find it for yourself or request help from others so they'll know you need it.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): You have to invest in a relationship to see a return. It's not a one way street. You may feel pulled in two directions. Balancing work and home commitments will be especially challenging but you need to find a way to do so. And bringing work home with you isn't the answer.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): You're working at trying to be perfect at what you think someone else wants when what you should focus on is being yourself. Compromise works for a while but it wears thin. Accept that sometimes you're doing something because it is a stepping stone to better things.

Libra (September 23 - October 23): Relationships are gradually shifting and changing. Expect a special message it lets you know what it is that someone admires and respects about you. You'll find out that you are appreciated for your patience, hard work, availability to others and self awareness.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 21): You are headed for success but progress comes in cycles. Once you can see the pattern you'll know when to conserve your energy and when to push. You experience less emotional wear and tear once you realize the key is to be responsive and flexible within a structure.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Last minute re-organizing and prioritizing frees up the time for you to be able to do more of what you really want to do. You'll feel on top of the world and ready to tackle anything once you drop energy draining activities. You're setting the standard for your future.

capricorn (December 22 - January 19): Too many extra interests may result in essentials being neglected. Your communication skills will be tested. Be on the lookout for examples of toxic comments. Slow down, you're prone to burning out quicker than usual and may have to undo what was done in haste.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18): There are surprising consequences to something you started. A return to your more natural way of being is required. When you see how you affect other people it makes you aware of the fact that you sometimes burn bridges that would have been useful.

pisces (February 19 - March 20): Take time to complete a few things. The sense of accomplishment will be worth the singular effort. Those who love and appreciate you will support you. Let go of worries that keep you uncertain and fearful. Don't get sidetracked by disappointments. Chip away at unhealthy habits.

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