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17 Wing firefighters collected donations at the Wihuri Rd and Air Force Way gates on a chilly 11 October morning. The annual Boot Drive raised money for Muscular Dystrophy in conjunction with the GCWCC.

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Barb Addis from Wing Supply awaits her imminent fall into the dunk tank at the Wing Supply Splash for Cash. Thirteen gracious and wet volunteers contributed to raising more than \$1000 at the event.

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Photo by Cpl Steven Bogue

(right to left) Comd 1 Cdn Air Div MGen Charlie Bouchard stands with the Priemer of Manitoba, Mr. Gary Doer, Executive Director of the MFRC Mr. Don Brennan and WComd Col Ken O'Brien. Mr. Brennan presented Mr. Doer with a "Support Our Troops" t-shirt and hat at a recent MFRC Coffee Break.



Cpl K. Derkson receives her new accelerated rank from 23 CF H Svcs C Winnipeg's Commanding officer Maj P.E. Joudrey on the 12 Oct 06.

LGen M.J. Dumais Visits 1 Canadian Air Division



Photo by Cpl Steven Bogue

LGen Dumais speaks to Able Seaman Hunter during his inspection of the Guard.



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LGen Dumais, Commander Canada Command, signs the guest book at 1 Canadian Air Division. To his left is MGen Bouchard.

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Canadian Forces School Of Survival And Aeromedical Training

Survival, Evasion, Resistance, And Escape Flight

By Captain Donald McInnes

The Canadian Forces School of Survival and Aeromedical Training (CFSSAT) is comprised of two distinct entities: Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (SERE) Flight and the Aeromedical Training (AMT) Flight, with its integral Administration and Standards Flights.

The SERE flight became a component of the Canadian Forces School of Aeromedical Training (CFSAT) in 1996; however, it did not officially commence operations until 1997 with the Survival Flight becoming responsible for conducting the five-day land survival course to all military aircrew. Late in 1997 operations switched to a new training camp at Springer Lake MB. In May of 1999 the Survival Flight underwent a change in mandate from Environmental Survival to the current SERE training that all aircrew must have.

All of the courses are conducted at the Springer Lake Training facility which is located approximately 170 kms northeast of Winnipeg. The Flight is responsible for running Basic and Advanced SERE (A/B SERE) courses. During their training they are taught a range of subjects with regard to survival, evasion, resistance and escape, depending on the course. The students spend the entire course in different types of shelters ranging from rudimentary cabins to Quincy huts to sleeping under

the stars.

The Basic course is nine days in duration and comprises of learning basic survival techniques that the aircrew may have to employ should they find themselves in a less than normal flight profile; i.e.: crashed or ditched. The course teaches them to survive in various geographic locations and in all seasons.

The Advanced course is an intensive five day programme with lectures, swamps, bugs, and furry four legged creatures. During the exercise, students are hunted and harassed by a platoon of soldiers from 38 Brigade, K-9 units from the Winnipeg City Police and the RCMP, tactical helicopters from various Squadrons in Canada, and is supported by the 17 Wing Logistics branch. The course is designed to prepare the aircrew for survival in areas of operations where terrorists or belligerent forces are a real threat and may be encountered in Canada's theatres of operation.

The small cadre of highly professional instructors is drawn from the ranks of the Infantry, Search and Rescue Technicians, Aeromedical Technicians and Airborne Electronic Sensor Op trades. CFSSAT conducts 10 BSERE and 5 ASERE courses per year, as well as several Mobile Teaching Teams for "just in time training" to CF aircrew throughout Canada.

In addition to training students, the instructors must keep current in trade specific qualifications and career courses. The instructors must also take foreign SERE courses so they are conversant with their international peers and are up to date on the latest developments worldwide. During the past year the instructors have been to Norway to teach on the NATO winter survival exercise, Belize, Central America as instructors and

students on jungle survival courses, the Mojave Desert for desert survival, and in Arizona learning man-tracking and working with the US Border Patrol, plus they have attended and instructed on a variety of SERE related courses and conferences nationally and internationally. Future international training will have the instructors travelling to other distant lands in order to keep them apprised of international standards and agreements with Allied countries. As can be expected, the Canadian Forces SERE Flight is recognized internationally and is renowned for its expertise in SERE.

This past summer the SERE Flight hosted a member of the New Zealand Defence Force who observed the SERE courses. The Flight is endeavouring to reciprocate the exchange with New Zealand and as well, establish links with our UK counterparts. Liaisons of this type are highly productive and informative, and lend to an international cooperation that is vital to the current global situation.

This year the Flight also conducted a Technical Assistance Visit to the Tactical Airlift Unit in Camp Mirage and Afghanistan. The purpose was to validate the training that the units have received in ASERE as related to this theatre of operations. The visit also included evaluating the equipment, Standard Operating Procedures, and task related information. The visit was highly successful in all aspects. A word of thanks is extended to all of the support and operational personnel that made this visit very successful.

For more information please visit our website or contact the Orderly Room at the Canadian Forces School of Survival and Aeromedical Training.

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17 Wing Care And Share

The 17 Wing Care and Share Program Vision is to uphold the dignity and well-being of military and DND families through the provision of emergency financial and/or commodity assistance, and to provide support to members and their families. The Mission is to utilize charitable donations to assist our military and DND families who may experience difficulty in maintaining the necessities of life, and to bring cheer and support. The Care and Share Program runs throughout the year. Various events such as "Toonies from the Heart," "Holiday Helpers," "Golf tournament," "Boot Drive," and the "Pop Can Recycling" provide the necessary funding.

Major Don McLeod, at the School of Aerospace Studies, (bldg 84) has teamed with 17 Wing Chaplain, Captain Brinn to convert aluminium pop cans into cash for the Care and Share Program. Capt John Haugen volunteered his truck to transport the 13 garbage bags full of cans that weighed 86 pounds. If you wish to recycle your unit's aluminium pop cans, please contact Major McLeod at local 6294 or collect



LCdr Bruce MacKenzie, Wing Chaplain, accepts the 17 Wing Care and Share Fund cheque for \$43 from Major Don McLeod, the CF School of Aerospace Studies (CFSAS) Care and Share rep.

the cans and take them to Chisick Metal on 2141 Logan and have them write a cheque to the "17 Wing Care and Share Fund." Every little bit helps those who need it, and our environment benefits also.



The photo above shows Don's funky genie costume outfit, and his PSP colleagues. Don, you're a good sport and you did us proud. Good job.

Good Job, Don!

By Capt Rob Chapman

There are no finer words for a fitness disciple to hear from a Fitness Instructor than the words "Good Job." Now, it is a Fitness Instructor's turn to hear those words.

On September 29 2006, 17 Wing Supply hosted a "Splash For Cash" Dunk tank event. The Dunk Tank was located in the EME Wash Bay - Bldg 129 - Door 9. For \$2 per ball or 3 for \$5, volunteers were dunked in support of the Gov't of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign (GCWCC).

Mr. Don Mills, 17 Wing SPS Fitness Instructor, and bon vivant, guitar picking man-about-town, graciously volunteered (or so we've been told) to be a "dunkee." Not surprisingly, there was a huge turnout to see Don dunked. All of his colleagues showed up. Friendships and professional associations were temporarily put aside for this event. It was "pay-back" time! Seriously, Don single-handedly was responsible for collecting over \$50.00. And yes, he got wet.



From left to right is LCol Sean Friday, Janice Dankochik and Sgt Andrew McLean. The cheque is presented to the Terry Fox Foundation on behalf of 435 Squadron.

435 Squadron Makes Donation To Terry Fox

By 2nd Lieutenant Angela Court, Acting / 17 Wing Public Affairs Officer

"Sergeant McLean made this happen," said Lieutenant Colonel Friday, Commanding Officer of 435 Squadron as he officially hands over a cheque for \$2020 to the Terry Fox foundation of Manitoba on behalf of 435 Squadron, family and friends.

"It was just an idea," said Sergeant Andrew McLean. Prior to his 24-hour race at the Terry Fox center in Ottawa, Sgt McLean decided to raise money for Terry Fox and began by asking the CO for support.

"He came into my office and asked for Commanding Officer support on reaching out to the Squadron," said LCol Friday, who fully endorsed the initiative. Sgt McLean asked Squadron members to donate only one dollar each.

The SARTECH said the idea just grew from there as the squadron members embraced the opportunity to make a difference. "It didn't surprise me because I know how generous

people are," he said.

The initiative was well embraced among 435 Squadron. "It generated internal competition, all in fun and for a great purpose," said LCol Friday.

"Thank-you for helping Andrew out. He did a phenomenal job," said the Terry Fox Foundation spokesperson to 435 Squadron members as she expresses her appreciation of the donation from the multi-role Squadron.

"It completely blows my mind," insisted 435 Sqn CO, of Sgt McLean's initiative. "The fact that he did this entirely on his own accord."

Sgt McLean, a seasoned ultra marathoner, ran his first 24-hour race at Ottawa's Terry Fox Center, and won first place with an outstanding 211.88 km. "He is probably one of the most fit people in the CF," said LCol Friday.

"Out there doing that but seeing that it is an opportunity to raise money. That on top of the 211.88 km, that entirely blows my mind," LCol Friday explained.

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Sgt Maggie Low from Wing Supply takes her turn on the hot seat.

Splash For Cash

By Avery Wolaniuk

For \$5, you could get three shots to take down your favourite — or not-so-favourite — Wing Logistics representative at the Splash for Cash on 29 September. The event, which included a barbeque and a 50/50 draw, was Wing Supply's GCWCC fundraiser, and raised \$1062.58. "I wanted to pass last year's amount that was raised, and we did!" said organizer Coreena Keeley from Wing Supply.

Dunkees dressed up in costumes prepared by Sgt Maggie Low, who helped organize the event and climbed up on the hot seat herself. Shots were \$2 a ball or three for \$5. The 13 brave volunteers who took the plunge represented every unit in the Logistics branch and one from PSP. The dunk tank from Splash Promotions was set up in the EME wash bay in case of inclement weather. "It was a little cool, but the water was warm," said Ms. Keeley, with a laugh. While everybody got at least a few shots, there were a couple of crowd favourites. The pregnant, err... lady in a green dress who sat down during WLogO LCol Gauthier's time slot seemed to be an especially popular target!

Ms. Keeley says a special thanks to Sgt Low and Cpl Kendra Pennell for their help organizing the event, to EME for the use of their wash bay and area to hold the festivities, W Foods for supplying the goods for the BBQ, R & D section for tents, tables and chairs, and to all the individuals who helped out that day.

GCWCC Update

By 2Lt Alexandre Cadieux, PAO, 17 Wing GCWCC

As members of the Canadian Military Forces, we are reminded every day by our superiors, our politicians or our media of the importance of our dedication to the protection of the Canadian values. To that extent, we deploy our troops to different parts of the world to help others achieve the way of life we can all enjoy every day. Yet this year, right here in Winnipeg, 15.4% of all families live in low income situations, where \$14,937 is the average income for families living in poverty.

This is why programs like the Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign (GCWCC) require your involvement and, mostly, your donations to sustain their yearlong work in the community through organizations like United Way and Healthpartners. With a gesture as simple as participating in the different activities organized for the 17 Wing GCWCC campaign, making a money donation or contributing by payroll deduction, you can help build a better future for our youth and increase the quality of life of our senior citizens. Payroll deductions are easy and very convenient for the donor because:

- It allows a more significant donation with lesser impact on the budget (a \$15/pay donation equals \$390/year).
- It requires little follow up by the donor (the contribution shows up on the T4 slip).

It is also possible for you to direct your donation to a specific agency with the same gift form; here are some of those agencies that are affiliated to either United Way or Healthpartners and that are working with Winnipeggers:

United Way

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF WINNIPEG

Initiates and supports relationships between volunteers and children/youth in need of friendship, support and guidance. Volunteers serve as friends and role models, helping children and youth gain greater self-confidence and self-esteem.

CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (CMHA) WINNIPEG REGION

Works to increase community support for people with mental illness to assist them in realizing goals related to living, working, learning and socializing.

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Healthpartners

THE ARTHRITIS SOCIETY

Funds research into the causes and cures of arthritis, and supports patient care and public education. Arthritis is Canada's most prevalent chronic disease, affecting close to four million Canadian men, women and children.

THE CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY

A community-based organization of volunteers whose mission is the eradication of cancer and enhancing the quality of life of people living with cancer. The Society funds medical research, patient services and public education. One in three Canadians will develop some form of cancer in his or her lifetime.

THE CANADIAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION

A volunteer-based organization promoting the health of Canadians through diabetes research, education, service and advocacy. Diabetes can slowly damage blood vessels in the body, resulting in serious complications, such as heart disease, blindness, kidney disease, and peripheral nerve diseases. Over two million Canadians have diabetes.

Now that you know, you can act! For years you have made a significant difference outside our national borders; today it is time for you to make a difference inside your own city limits. WE are the solution to the problem and YOU are a part of it! So please give generously and participate in the campaign's activities because after all, we all live here...

More Information

Be sure to check up on our website (<http://17wing.winnipeg.mil.ca/wadmin/gwcc/gwcc2006.htm>) for all upcoming activities with links to the GCWCC, United Way and Healthpartners. Any questions, concerns and ideas may be addressed to any one of the committee members or co-chairs, Sherry Liley (liley.s@forces.gc.ca) or Capt Ryan Setter (setter.rl@forces.gc.ca).



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Regina- (L-R) Major Brad Hrycyna and Colonel Richard Foster salute during the playing of O Canada. Col Foster is the Commander of 15 Wing and Maj Hrycyna is the Comd of The Saskatchewan Dragoons and the Regina Garrison.

Saskatchewan Reservists Clear The Field

By Corporal Bill Gomm

WINNIPEG, Mb— “It appears that Winnipeg Blue Bomber insurgents have taken over the North end of Taylor Field,” said the announcer.

With that announcement, the pre-game show for the Labour Day Classic between the Saskatchewan Rough Riders and the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in Regina September 3, 2006 began.

Members of HMCS Chippawa acting as the insurgents ran onto Taylor Field carrying a Winnipeg Blue Bomber flag, which they displayed before the loyal Saskatchewan Rough Rider fans. Taking up fire positions they prepared to defend their Blue Bomber territory, while loyal Saskatchewan fans booed.

A few minutes later a G-Wagon, from The Saskatchewan Dragoons drove onto the South end of Taylor Field engaging the insurgents with the C6 General Purpose Machine Gun (GPMG).

With the G-Wagon in place providing suppressive fire, a Light Armoured Vehicle (LAV III), from The Second Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (2nd PPCLI) drove in, followed by a section of Royal Regina Rifles (RRR).

The LAV III took up position, dropping its ramp allowing

another section of RRR's to join the first section and take up firing positions, engaging the insurgents.

“What's this? Gainer has decided to join the Reserves,” said the announcer.

The 2 sections led by Lieutenant Jeff Tebo from 2 PPCLI advanced in-group formation folloed by Gainer.

“I was deeply gratified to see the amount of support for the military in Saskatchewan,” said Lt Tebo. “Those people looking to understand our current missions were especially rewarding to speak to, almost as much as the kids who were brave enough to get into the turret of the LAV III.”

But during the attack, Gainer stepped in a gopher hole twisting his ankle. Medics from 16 (Saskatchewan) Field Ambulance rushed over to apply a splint allowing Gainer to get back into the action.

With the insurgents neutralized, Gainer was able to remove the Blue Bomber Flag and replace it with a Rough Rider flag with the extremely loud approval of the Rough Rider fans.

“Rider fans, this sure is a relief! We'd like to thank members from our military for putting on this pre-game demonstration,” said the announcer.

With the field secure, soldiers formed up in an extended line at the South end of the field for the playing of “O Canada”, which was followed by a fly past of two Snowbirds and four CT-156 Harvard II.



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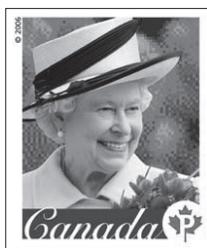
By Alf Brooks

On November 16 Canada issues a group of stamps for domestic first-class mail that differ from issues of previous years. They will be on sale for 51¢, but they will still be valid for full postage when the rate increases to 52¢ next January 15; and they will continue to be valid for full postage as long as you have them, even though postal rates will probably increase with inflation.

A number of countries have issued non-denominated stamps in the past: Britain, Finland, Israel, Belgium, France, Norway, Monaco and Sweden are some of them. With Canada now issuing such stamps there will be less

need for 1¢ stamps to make up for increased postage.

The stamps will be issued in three formats: a Queen Elizabeth II booklet, a Canadian flags booklet, and a Flower coil of 100.



CFLC Appreciation Luncheon

By Officer Cadet Donna Riguidel

Regina, Sk—As Canadian Forces Reservists, their primary job is to augment the Regular Force, but that doesn't mean it's their only job. It can be difficult to balance civilian life with a part-time military career and a great employer can make all the difference.

The Canadian Forces Liaison Council recently held a luncheon to thank those employers that not only see civilian jobs are held for reservists' return, but also give some priority in hiring those with military experience.

“Anyone that volunteers to serve their country should come back to their positions,” says Don Atchison, Mayor of Saskatoon.

And in affording Reservists time off to serve Canada, the companies and corporations benefit as well.

“It is a wonderful opportunity for youth not only to learn skills, but also to bring those skills back to their jobs when they get home,” says Kevin Yates, Regina Minister of Corrections and Public Safety. “They can bring skills enhanced by military experience and added confidence.”

Gordon Johnson, Vice-president of Conexus, supports the hiring of reservists.

“We are a community employer and reservists are a valuable part of our community,” he says.

Many Canadian companies do not have a formal policy for employees that are also reservists, either for hiring them or for holding their jobs when they want to serve the call of duty, whether it's for domestic aide to civil power or overseas missions.

Despite the lack of policy, these employers see the value in not only screening candidates with military experience, but also safeguarding their jobs while they volunteer to deploy.

Johnson says reservists “have already shown that they are ready to learn, disciplined and loyal. That is valuable and rare in today's industry.”

For more information on the CFLC and its services to Primary Reservists, visit: www.cflc.forces.gc.ca

Golf's Ryder Cup

By Alf Brooks

The Ryder Cup, first contested in 1927, is a trophy provided by English entrepreneur Samuel Ryder. In 1926 British and USA golfers played an informal series of matches; Abe Mitchell, a British golfer who was Ryder's personal golf tutor, suggested Ryder donate a trophy for regular competition; the gold chalice that bears Ryder's name and Mitchell's likeness on the top was the result.

In September, American and European golf pros competed for the trophy for the 36th time. For the third consecutive time the Europeans triumphed, 18½ points to 9½ in match play. The competition took place in Ireland for the first time, and Irish Post marked the occasion by issuing postage stamps, first with four stamps showing a golf ball's progress from tee to green, and then with the two stamps pictured here. Called lenticular stamps, they actually show movement when their angle is changed. In this case, two different types of shot are represented, with one stamp showing a drive from the tee and the other a bunker shot.

See <http://www.irishstamps.ie/IrishStamps/>



Aid Transfer To Mir Wais Hospital Pediatric Ward

By Capt Dave Muralt

CAMP NATHAN SMITH, Kandahar, Afghanistan – The Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team conducted an aid transfer to the Mir Wais Hospital, located here, today.

Included in the aid transfer was infant formula, baby bottles, school supplies donated by Girl Guides from Maple Ridge, B.C. and knit teddy bears donated by a knitting circle in Dartmouth, N.S.

All of the supplies will be going to the Mir Wais Hospital's pediatric ward.

"We had a quantity of baby formula that we wanted to get where it would have the most impact," said the Officer Commanding the PRT's Civil-Military Cooperation platoon, Maj Randy Kemp. "The Mir Wais Hospital needs supplies like this to save children's lives."

The supervisor of the Mir Wais Hospital, Dr. Wali, identified the need for infant formula in a meeting here yesterday. This aid transfer is one of an ongoing program of assistance to the Government of Kandahar and its agencies and institutions.

While these donated items were transferred by the PRT, the Canadian Forces does not encourage Canadians to attempt to send material donations to our deployed units and personnel. Canadians who wish to assist the people of Afghanistan are encouraged to make cash donations to international organizations and non-governmental organizations specializing in relief efforts.

The Kandahar PRT consists of Canadian Forces members, a civilian police contingent led by the RCMP, representatives of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the Canadian International Development Agency. The Kandahar PRT conducts coordinated interdepartmental operations to promote good governance and assist the Government of Afghanistan to extend its authority in the province of Kandahar, to facilitate the development of a stable, secure and self-sustaining environment for the Afghan people.



Lt Alfred Lai and Maj Randy Kemp show off knit teddy bears destined for the Mir Wais Hospital pediatric ward in Kandahar City at Camp Nathan Smith, Kandahar, Afghanistan, 26 Sep 06.

Wounded Soldier Honoured For The Second Time

By Cpl Bill Gomm

WINNIPEG, Mb – "I was just sitting there with four buddies when a mortar round landed about 10 metres away," said Cpl Doug Tizya. "It was a mad rush to get inside."

The people of the First Nations honoured the community's peacekeepers and warriors at a traditional Bear Clan Gathering September 21, 2006.

The Bear Clan Gathering stems from the First Nations' traditional system of governance that designated seven Clans to provide leadership, support and security to the First Nations communities. It was the Bear Clan that was given the responsibility as Warriors and medicine Keepers for the First Nations people.

The Annual Bear Clan Gathering now honours the First Nations and Metis peacekeepers and warriors as well as the RCMP, The Winnipeg Police Service, Aboriginal Peace Officers, The Winnipeg Fire Fighters, the Canadian Forces, Aboriginal Canadian Forces veterans, Paramedics, The Red Cross, St. John Ambulance, the nation's nurses and other organizations that provide protection, comfort and care to its citizens.

The ceremony began with an opening prayer by Mark Young, chaplain for the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service.

"Creator, we ask the blessing on this gathering for all who are in harm's way— police, military, firefighters and paramedics."

Traditional and Hoop dancing was preformed throughout the opening ceremony while the drums of the White Horse Drum Group provided the rhythm.

Part way through the ceremony, Cpl Tizya knelt on one knee in the middle of the field after Elder Art Shofley invited him to



The peacekeepers of the community form up at the back of the gathering.

take part in the Wounded Warrior song. Native dancers then encircled him.

As the White Horse Drum Group began to beat their drums, the dancers slowly closed in on Cpl Tizya and lifted him to his feet.

"I'm not in uniform today as half of my clothes are still in Afghanistan," said Cpl Tizya. "I was wounded after only being in Afghanistan for a few weeks."

"I had shrapnel in my hands, body and legs, some of the shrapnel is still in me."

After his tour on Op APOLLO, Cpl Tizya received an Eagle feather and a Star Blanket during the first annual Bear Clan Gathering in 2002.

Cpl Tizya began wearing his Eagle feather on his equipment after seeing an American soldier with one.

"I believe the spirit of the Eagle was with me," said Cpl Tizya after recounting the mortar attack that led to his injuries.



Harry Gegwetch dances during the Grand Entry for the 5th Annual Bear Clan Gathering.



Assembled Afghan National Police officers, ANP firefighters and Canadian personnel from the Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team at the formal hand-over of firefighting equipment for ANP stations and sub-stations in Kandahar City at Camp Nathan Smith, Kandahar City, Afghanistan, 27 Sep 06.

Photo by Capt Dave Murait



Staff Sgt Al McCambridge of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police describes the courage demonstrated by Afghan National Police firefighters following an IED attack on 29 August to assembled Afghan National Police officers, ANP firefighters and Canadian personnel from the Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team at the formal hand-over of firefighting equipment for ANP stations and sub-stations in Kandahar City at Camp Nathan Smith, Kandahar City, Afghanistan, 27 Sep 06.

Photo by Capt Dave Murait

Chinese People's Liberation Army Visit



Members of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, Air Force, meet with members of 435 Sqn during their recent visit to 17 Wing as part of the Chinese PLAAF Command College Senior Course.

Photo by Cpl Steven Bogue

SCAN SEMINAR

The Wing Personnel Selection Office will be hosting a Second Career Assistance Network (SCAN) Seminar. The objective of this seminar is to provide information to both military personnel and their spouses on the benefits and services available to them when releasing from the CF. It also addresses aspects of the transition from employment to a second career outside of the CF. Details of the seminar are as follows:

- DATES:** 23-24 Oct 06
TIME: 0800 - 1630
LOCATION: Building 135 Theatre
DRESS: Appropriate civilian attire
WHO: Military members and their spouses

Details for registration and the seminar agenda can be found on the 17 Wing DWAN site at http://17wing.winnipeg.mil.ca/main/activities/activities_e.htm.



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Halloween Party Games
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WO and Sgt's Mess Retirement Mixed Mess Dinner

The Warrant Officers and Sergeant's Mess is hosting a Mixed Mess dinner to recognize retirees and their spouses. This function will be held at the Combined Mess on 9 Nov 06, with cocktails in the WOSM lower lounge 1900hrs for 1930hrs. Cost for members will be \$20 and \$30 for non-members and guests. Dress is appropriate attire, Mess Kit or DEU 2. This will be a wonderful and entertaining evening with atmosphere and your dining entertainment provided by the Air Command Band 11-piece ensemble. A photographer will be on the premises at 1800hrs for photos. The menu is Duo of Karma Soup, Garden Salad and Shrimp Cocktail and the Entree will be Chicken Cordon Blue, Parisienne Potatoes and French Green Beans w/ almonds. Dessert is to be Chocolate Eruption Cake. Fresh dinner rolls w/ whipped butter, coffee & tea service is available. All inquiries and any special meal requirements RSVP Sgt Reg Smith at loc 4054 no later than 3 Nov 2006.

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CF-5 Fixed In Flight

By Avery Wolaniuk

After being grounded for the past three years, the Canadair CF-5 Freedom Fighter is in the air again on the corner of Ness Ave. and Conway St.

The retired aircraft, part of the Air Force Heritage Park, was brought down for restoration attention in 2003. After a complete strip, corrosion control and repaint, the Recovery and Salvage Support Team from ATESS Trenton worked with 17 Wing Personnel and civilian contractors to return the aircraft on to its pedestal of honour on 20 Sept 06.

Maj Irene George, an Aerospace Controller who is currently working at Wing Heritage, said the restoration project took longer than expected due to the condition of the fighter jet. The company contracted to restore the plane, Aero-Coat Industries, first had to deal with the unanticipated corrosion of the aircraft. It returned to the Wing last fall and wintered in Hangar 16 until arrangements could be made to reinstall it earlier this month.

Looking up at the Freedom Fighter, dressed up in the camouflage attire, it's easy to catch the grandeur of the aircraft and completely miss the complexity of mounting such a display. The crew of military members and civilian contractors who worked 12 long hours to carefully install the historical reminder can tell you just how detailed an operation it was.

First used by the CF in 1968, the Canadair CF-5 Freedom Fighter was commonly called the "Tinkertoy" because of its simple construction. Maj George indicated that she was particularly thrilled with the fantastic opportunity to work on this project because as a young officer starting out in the Canadian Forces, she had the occasion to control the CF-5 Freedom Fighter. "It was, in respect, an exciting period of time given that we were still enthralled in the Cold War and exercised quite extensively with live targets and fighter aircraft, such as the CF-5," she said. The fighter, capable of mach 1.4, was competent in many roles. It flew in missions supporting ground troops, in training exercises, interception of enemy aircraft, in armed reconnaissance missions, and as support for NATO and NORAD until conversion of the CF-18 Hornet in 1984.

The day started well before the sun was up, transporting the Freedom Fighter from the Stevenson Aviation Compound, where it had been moved to the previous day for easier transport. The aircraft took up three lanes of traffic and therefore required police escort — by the Military Police from the compound, up Whytefold Rd to Ness Ave, where they were met by Winnipeg Police who escorted the convoy up Ness Ave. to the mounting site.

The first step was to attach the pedestal to the plane, using the two cranes from Litz Crane. The operators were in constant communication with the crew on the ground and the crane team supervisor, Wayne Neely. "We were working with literally a quarter inch error margin, which is pretty tight when you're talking about a split pedestal going into an aircraft that's quite fragile, when you think about it," said Maj George, who assisted Wing Heritage Officer Capt Mike Rozak with the project.

The plan was to slide the pedestal into the exhaust of the aircraft and weld it in place, before moving the display as one piece onto the concrete base. The team ran into complications when they found an obstruction in the exhaust and couldn't slide the pedestal in. That meant the Recovery and Salvage Support (RASS) team from Trenton, led by Sgt Dave Gaunt — who had arrived Monday night to discuss the details of the operation — had to start removing panels and eventually the tail of the aircraft in order to locate the blockage. They found the wayward screw, replaced another screw that had been discovered missing in the process, and were back on their way — four hours later. "Patience and precision and flexibility in planning, that is what we were working with for the most of the day," said Maj George. "We encountered hurdles, which set us back but as a team, we



The CF-5 Freedom Fighter is returned to its place of honour on Ness Avenue.

pulled it all together and accomplished the task."

Once the aircraft had been reassembled, slings were put in place to lift it by crane onto the concrete base. Sounds simple, right? In fact, there are multiple factors and mathematical equations to be taken into account, such as the dimensions of the fighter jet (with a wingspan of 7.0 m, a length of 14.4 m and a height of 4.1 m), the weight of the display (approximately 10 000 lbs — that's a 5000 lb pedestal connected to an aircraft that, without fuel or engines, weighs about 5000 lbs), the centre of gravity, wind conditions, the fragility of the aircraft. Prior to the lift, engineers had determined that raising the aircraft would require two slings and that the sling angles had to exceed 45 degrees at all times. The slings lifting the plane had to be positioned carefully.

"You have to ensure that they're located in such a way that they're not compromising the integrity of the aircraft," said Maj George. "We lifted the nose to a certain point and then very, very slowly we would move and stop and move and stop until it was located on a concrete base where the bolts were. The whole operation seems simple but it's so delicate that one mistake could be quite calamitous."

Maj George credits the success of the installation to teamwork. The group, who met together for the first time that morning, was comprised of the RASS from Trenton, members from 402 Sqn, Wing CE, the MPs, Wing Heritage, and the civilian contractors from Litz Crane led by Wayne Neely, and Pro Tech Welding, led by Ken Marchuk.

"I'll tell you, it was one happy feeling seeing the air-



A crew from Trenton, led by MCpl Brian Victor from Greenwood and Cpl James Wivonski from Cold Lake, worked on restoring the Bell CH-136 Kiowa that is displayed in Heritage Park.

Cpl Eric Gelinas from Borden painting one of the aviation monuments on Air Force Way. The crew cleaned and touched up aircraft throughout the park as part of a long term maintenance plan.

craft in location, watching the team putting the final 38mm bolts on and doing the final turns with the wrenches,” said Maj George. “You drive by and it does catch your eye. It’s a proud feeling to see it up there again.”

The CF-5 isn’t the only aircraft receiving attention from restoration crews. Wing Heritage has made long-term plans to care for the fourteen historical aircraft displays that are mounted on Air Force Way. MCpl Brian Victor, an ACS tech from Greenwood and Cpl James Wivonski from Cold Lake led a crew from Borden who are all awaiting aircraft trades training. The on-the-job-training in Winnipeg gives them a chance to work with aircraft before they go on course. “They

learn what to do and what not to do around the aircraft,” said MCpl Victor. “They’re doing well so far.” During the last week of September, the 10-man crew washed and touched-up the Challenger and began working on the Bell CH-136 Kiowa, removing golf ball dents, replacing the cracked windscreen and giving the helicopter a new paint job.

“We’re working on a long-term maintenance plan for Heritage Park,” said Capt Mike Rozak, the 17 Wing Heritage Officer. “If we’re going to have the Air Force Heritage Park, we should keep it in good condition. If we’re going to do it, we’re going to do it right.”

The displays have been prioritized on an as-needed basis. Capt Rozak said the Kiowa and the Musketeer were in the worst shape, and would therefore get the most attention. The Tracker is up next, and he expects that the CF-104 Starfighter and the CF-101 Voodoo will get some touch ups done this fall as well.

Heritage Park, located at the north end of Air Force Way, is open to the public 365 days per year from sunrise to sunset. Guided tours for groups can be arranged by calling Wing Heritage at 833-2500 ext 2429.

Six Year Old Receives His Wheelchair Through Air Div HQ Gracious Efforts

By OCdt Henderson

Thanks to the efforts of a 1 Canadian Air Division Headquarters’ ‘civilian dress fundraiser’ on August 4th, six-year old Justin Broesky and his family received enough money to afford a much-needed wheelchair

With the aid of three key caring, hard-working individuals, MCpl’s Pat Barsy, Allen McCauley and Joanne White, the Broesky family was presented with \$651.75. Donations had been set at \$2.00 per participant with a target of \$600.00 to afford the wheelchair Justin requires as a result of his present rare liver disease, Glycogen Storage Disease (GSD) that has left his legs in a weakened state.

Justin Broesky was diagnosed with this debilitating liver disease at the age of 6 months, and due to the ongoing injections to stabilize his immune system and resulting blood sugar levels, Justin must endure injections every 3 hours with a continuous IV for 10 hours a night. Over the very short period of this very precious life, Justin’s leg muscles have deteriorated to the point where a wheelchair is required to maintain his mobility and quality of life.

Thanks to the efforts of all those that donated to this cause, Justin can now look forward to an improved quality of life that allows for freedom of movement and an increased state of independence for years to come.



Always the warrior, Justin shows off his new wheelchair.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Operation Sugar Rush...

... Well, it's that time of year again, OCTOBER 31, and it is a time for trick or treating, candy and goblins. The Military Police and volunteers of the Military Community want to make this a fun and safe event for you and your children. Here are a couple of things you can do to help...

PARENTS:

- Supervise children under age 12.
- Educate children on proper Halloween and traffic safety.
- Ensure children do not eat treats until they are inspected.
- Only trick or treat in familiar, well lit routes.
- Ensure children eat an early meal prior to trick or treating.
- Establish a return time, and stress importance of maintaining this time.
- Report any suspicious activity or persons to the Military Police, 833-2633.

COSTUMES:

- Ensure they are made of fire retardant material.
- Costumes should not be too long so as to cause falls.
- Warm clothing should be worn underneath.
- Reflective tape, Glow sticks and or flashlights should be used to help your child be seen.
- If wearing a mask, ensure there is adequate eye space so the child can see.
- Makeup would be preferred.

ON THE WAY:

- Walk on sidewalks to avoid vehicle traffic.
- If children are not with an adult, ensure they travel as a group.
- Never enter a home/apartment without adult supervision.
- Walk, do not run.
- Place your child's name and address on a piece of paper and place it in their pocket in case they get separated from their group.

... These are the major points of interest that as parents you should be aware of. If these reminders are followed then everyone will be able to enjoy Halloween. The Military Police, along with Military Community Volunteers will actively participate in foot patrols at both North and South PMQ areas.

From the Military Police...



2006 Prairie Region M&W Slo-pitch Championships



17 Wing pulled together a women's slo-pitch team for the first time in six years this summer. The team played InterSection in preparation for their trip to Prairie Regionals, where they fought hard and lost in the semi finals to eventual champions CFB Shilo.

By Chris Merrithew

On the weekend of the 18-20 Aug 06, nine Men's and Women's Slo-Pitch teams from the Prairie Region converged on the 17 Wing Winnipeg ball diamonds to determine who would represent the Prairie Region at the 2006 CF Ntl Slo-pitch Championships. This is the largest number of teams that have participated in the PR M&W Slo-pitch Championships in 10 years.

In the Men's category, the Winnipeg team was led to the PR Men's Slo-pitch Championships by returning coach, Maj Ed

"Caveman" Roberds. The 17 Wing Men's team had a strong showing in round robin play, finishing in third place with a 2-2 record. The 17 Wing Winnipeg Men's team advanced to the PR Semi-finals against CFB Shilo where they were hoping that they could avenge the previous year's heartbreaking loss in the Championship final. Unfortunately, it wasn't meant to be as the defending PR Men's Slo-Pitch Champions, CFB Shilo, defeated Winnipeg and eventually went on to beat CFB Edmonton to be crowned the 2006 PR Men's Slo-Pitch Champions.

After completion of the 2006 PR Slo-Pitch Championships, the Winnipeg coach, Maj Ed Roberds made the following com-

ments:

"I must admit, this was by far our most successful year despite finishing third at the Regionals. There were a number of returning players that expressed interest in playing. At one point there were 20 names on the list, and I could only use 15 at the Regionals. In the end, after a few hard choices on players, we had a great team. Each and every player came out to play with a great attitude. It was truly a pleasure to coach a team of true professionals who at the same time wanted to have some fun. I would be remiss however, if I did not thank the PSP staff for their efforts. This was the second time in the last three years that 17 Wing hosted the Regionals. As a direct result of the efforts by the PSP staff, 17 Wing has set the standard for the hosting of Regionals. The condition of the fields to the supply of nutrients for the players, nothing was left out. As this is my last year of coaching for the 17 Wing Men's team, I would like to say what a pleasure it was to coach this team. I would like to thank each and every member of the team itself, the PSP staff and all other members of 17 Wing who supported us."

The 17 Wing Winnipeg Women's team suffered a similar fate of losing in the PR Semi-finals, but not before almost knocking the eventual Champion, CFB Shilo, out of contention. After not having a Winnipeg Women's team for six years, the team coach MCpl Joanne White took on the unenviable task of forming a Women's team again at 17 Wing. She gathered a list of names and entered the team into the I/S Slo-pitch where they would quickly develop and grow. The task of playing mixed Slo-Pitch teams in the Intersection league helped prepare them for their competition at the PR Women's Slo-pitch Championships. After round robin play was completed, the team was firmly in second place with their only defeat being a 11-9 loss to Cold Lake. Their semi-final opposition was the CFB Shilo team who were very evenly matched with the Winnipeg Women's team. Despite having the lead at many times throughout the game, the inexperience of the team came out as they were unable to hold on to their lead and lost to the eventual PR Champion, CFB Shilo 14-11. The women's team should be commended on their successful season considering that this was the first time that most of these players had played together as a team and there were a variety of baseball capabilities on the team. The Winnipeg Women's team would like to thank their coaches Jamie Upshall and Pete Dmytriv for all their help, patience and understanding throughout the season and they are looking forward to next season to build on this year's performance.

2006 I/S Slo-pitch And Golf Championships Wraps Up



Maj Dan Labrie and Capt Mike Lilloco from 1 Cdn Air Div were the InterSection Golf Champions for 2006.

By Chris Merrithew

After losing only one game all season, the Fitness & Sports staff could only wait to find out who they would face in the 2006 I/S Slo-pitch final where they were looking to defend their I/S Slo-Pitch league Championship. Their question was answered when The ODDS & SODS team (AIR COM BAND) defeated the 3-Up 3-Down team in a very close semi-final, which earned them the right to meet the F&S team in the Championship final. The 3-Up 3-Down team had high hopes of upsetting the F&S team and giving them their second loss of the season in the single elimination Championship final. The F&S staff came out

strong quickly, showing their opposition why they had had only lost one game all season. The Odds & Sods team rallied valiantly in the 4th inning, but it was not enough against the hard-hitting F&S team. Congratulations to the F&S staff on another great season.

In the I/S Golf season, 40 golf teams fought for 17WG WPG I/S Golf supremacy. Despite narrowly escaping a loss in the Mike Weir Division semi-final to WTISS, the Mission Support team persevered to advance to the Mike Weir Division Championship where they defeated A2 in the Division final.

In the Tiger Woods Division, the 2004 I/S Golf champions, CFSAS, defeated WCE #1 to win the Tiger Woods



Rick Phillips accepts the 2006 InterSection Slo-pitch trophy on behalf of the Sports and Fitness team from 17 Wing Sports Coordinator Chris Merrithew.

Division and advance to the 2006 I/S Golf Championship against Mission Support. Both teams were very evenly matched but the Mission Support team kept their undefeated record intact as they outshot the CFSAS team to be crowned the 2006 I/S Golf Champions.

On behalf of the Fitness and Sports staff, we would like to thank all participants for a great season and congratulations to the finalists champions. Last but not least, a big thank you to the Slo-pitch officials along with Daryl Fathers and the 17Wing Golf Club staff for their hard work and support throughout the season. Hope everyone had a good season and look forward to seeing everyone next summer.



Dance The Skies

Air Command Band Public Affairs Office

The Air Command Band, under the direction of Captain Peter Archibald, is pleased to announce the release of its newest CD – “Dance the Skies.”

Showcasing the varied talents of the members of the Air Command Band, the CD includes vocals by Sergeant Cindy Hawchuck, Sergeant Bob van den Broek, and Master Warrant Officer Viateur Saint-Gelais. It features a musical setting of the poem “High Flight,” a bold and imaginative scoring of the hymn “Lord Guard and Guide,” as well as music from the film classic “633 Squadron.” The music from “Band of Brothers” is used as a background for the narration of the story of Pilot Officer Andrew Mynarski VC, a Winnipeg hero. Of special interest is Matthew Halton’s his-

torical broadcast of the beginning of the Normandy Invasion (D-Day), which precedes the beautiful and haunting “Lonely Beach.” Rich and diverse concert band sounds are featured on “Gaelforce,” “Bayou Breakdown” and “Overture” by John Heins. The CD also features our National Anthem and The RCAF March Past.

The CD was recorded at the Burton Cummings Theatre in Winnipeg in November 2005 under the direction of Captain Ray Murray.

CDs are available at no charge from Air Command Band Public Relations Department at local 5182 or through email at aircommandband@forces.gc.ca

Complete list of selections on “Dance the Skies”:

Overture by John Heins	4:25
High light F	3:24
633 quadro	2:44
Lord, Guard and Guide	5:42
Gaelforce	6:30
Bayou Breakdown	3:53
I’m Already There	3:46
White Cliffs of Dover	2:51
Matthew Halton Report	3:41
Lonely each B	9:06
Time to Say Goodbye	3:56
Band of Brothers	4:19
The House I Live In	3:07
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RCAF March Past	3:06



Lieutenant Commander Terry Hurley promotes Lieutenant Matt Craig to Captain, 23 Sept 06 at the Detachment Commander’s Conference.

17 Wing Learning Fair

17 Wing Fitness & Recreation Centre (Building 90) 1000-1530

By John Chabih

The 17 Wing Learning Fair Committee (WPSO, WGrdTrg, LCC & MFRC) would like to invite all of the 17 Wing and 1Cdn Air Div Community (military, civilian and family members) to attend a great opportunity to access Life-long Learning Opportunities on Wednesday 25 October at Building 90 (17 Wing Fitness & Recreation Complex).

Over 40 learning Institutions, government programs and resource programs will be on hand from 1000-1530 hrs to answer questions on Apprenticeship, Course admission requirements, Self-employment opportunities, New Veterans Act information and much, much more. Athabasca University, Royal Military College, University of Manitoba, Canada/Manitoba Business Service Centre, Veterans Affairs, Red River College, Creative Retirement, and Service Canada are just a few of the confirmed exhibitors.

For those of you considering attending school, preparing for release or interested in what education programs the government can offer you and your family – this event is a must attend.

Last year over 300 members of the community participated in the inaugural event and the Learning Fair Committee would like to encourage all members of the Defence Team to take a few minutes out of their busy schedule to consider attending this year’s event.

For each individual that attends the event and completes an event survey, they will be provided an opportunity to win two fabulous prizes. For more information on the event, please contact John Chabih at Local 4511.

Wing Commander’s Coffee Schedule 1000hrs

- 01 Nov 06 - CFS Met, Building 84
- 15 Nov 06 - 38 Brig HQ, Building 86
- 29 Nov 06 - 23 Health Services, Building 62
- 06 Dec 06 - WAdmin/PSP - Building 90

Youth Advisory Council

We are looking for youth ages 13-18 to sit on a Youth Advisory Council for 17 Wing Winnipeg.

Upcoming Events:

October 19 – Meet and Greet at the MFRC Youth Centre
Come out and have a good time, hang at the Youth Centre and enjoy some free snacks.

October 28 – Scary Movie Marathon in Bldg 90 gym... only \$3... call to register

For more information contact Lindsay at 833-2500 at 2057 or email at chmilnisky@forces.gc.ca or Diane at ext 4508 or brined@forces.gc.ca

MND On The Deaths Of Sergeant Craig Paul Gillam And Corporal Robert Thomas James Mitchell

OTTAWA - The Honourable Gordon O'Connor, Minister of National Defence, issued the following statement on 3 October 06 on the deaths of Sergeant Craig Paul Gillam and Corporal Robert Thomas James Mitchell:

"Two Canadian soldiers, Sergeant Craig Paul Gillam and Corporal Robert Thomas James Mitchell, were killed today in the Panjwayi area in Afghanistan, and I extend my deepest condolences, on behalf of all Canadians, to their family and friends.

These brave young men were working alongside their fellow comrades to clear mines and improvised explosive devices from a route for a future road construction project, when they came under attack. Five other Canadian soldiers were hurt in the attack, and we pray for their speedy recovery from their injuries.

Our Canadian Forces members in Afghanistan face an enemy that will go to any length to try to undermine any progress made for Afghans to have a brighter future. The courage demonstrated by Sergeant Gillam and Corporal Mitchell speaks volumes to their dedication to our country and to this mission. Canada will remain steadfast, and Tal-



Sergeant Craig Paul Gillam



Corporal Robert Thomas James Mitchell

iban attacks will not deter our efforts to help Afghanistan achieve peace and stability.

These soldiers lost their lives in a mission to prevent Afghanistan from reverting to a safe haven for terrorists and their destructive networks. Canada will remain forever grateful for their service, and we are all saddened by this loss."

Sergeant Craig Paul Gillam and Corporal Robert Thomas James Mitchell were both members of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, based in Petawawa, Ontario.

MND On The Death Of Private Josh Klukie

OTTAWA - The Honourable Gordon O'Connor, Minister of National Defence, issued the following statement on 30 Sept 06 on the death of Private Josh Klukie:

"On behalf of the Defence family and our brave men and women in uniform I extend my deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Private Josh Klukie.

This brave soldier gave his life providing hope for a brighter future, free from hardship and struggle, to the people of Afghanistan.

Canada is in Afghanistan helping to stabilize and reconstruct the country. Private Klukie gave his life so that the Afghan people have the means to build a better future for themselves and their communities.

Canadians stand united in pride and gratitude behind our Canadian Forces. We honour Private Klukie's courage and commitment. His sacrifice will not be forgotten."

Private Josh Klukie was a member of 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment, based in Petawawa, Ontario, and died from the blast of an Improvised Explosive Device.



MND On The Death Of Trooper Mark Andrew Wilson

OTTAWA - The Honourable Gordon O'Connor, Minister of National Defence, issued the following statement on 8 October 06 on the death of Trooper Mark Andrew Wilson:

"A brave, young Canadian, Trooper Mark Andrew Wilson, was killed yesterday serving in Afghanistan. I extend my deepest condolences, and those of all Canadians, to his family and friends.

Trooper Wilson was killed when the armoured vehicle he was traveling in was hit by an Improvised Explosive Device in the Panjwayi area of Afghanistan west of Kandahar. Serving alongside his fellow soldiers, Trooper Wilson was patrolling the future location of a new roadway, which is important to the reconstruction process in the region. He served valiantly and bravely in the face of an enemy that uses random and cowardly means to try to prevent any progress for the Afghan people to achieve their freedom and stability.

We have all lost a brother and a good soldier. While Trooper Wilson will be sorely missed, we can only hope that in their grief, his family and loved ones can find strength and comfort in the knowledge that all Canadians are proud of his sacrifice. While we are indeed all saddened by this incident, we will not cease our efforts to help the Afghan people."

Trooper Mark Andrew Wilson was a member of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, based in Petawawa, Ontario.



PM On The Deaths Of Sgt Tedford And Pte Williamson

OTTAWA - Prime Minister Stephen Harper today issued the following statement on the deaths of Sergeant Darcy Tedford and Private Blake Williamson on 15 Oct 06:

"It is with great sorrow that I extend my condolences to the loved ones of Sergeant Darcy Tedford and Private Blake Williamson on behalf of the Government of Canada and all Canadians.

"Sergeant Darcy Tedford and Private Blake Williamson were killed on October 14 when their unit was attacked by in-



Pte Blake Williamson



Sgt Darcy Tedford

surgeants near the new roadway project in the Panjwayi area of Afghanistan. This road is being built by the Canadian Provincial Reconstruction Team and other Canadian units in partnership with Afghan officials, and is part of the ongoing development and reconstruction process that Canada is engaged in.

"It is with courage and heroism that Sergeant Darcy Tedford and Private Blake Williamson have sacrificed their life to bring stability, democracy and peace in Afghanistan.

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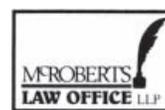
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Chippawa Hosts Career Fair

By Avery Wolaniuk

HMCS Chippawa hosted a joint Canadian Forces/Emergency Services job fair on Tuesday, 10 October 06. High school students from across the city visited with recruiters from across the Forces and learned about the potential careers in uniform available to them.

CF recruiters from the Air Force, Army, and Naval Reserves, Communication Reserve, Military Police, the Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre and Health Services Reserve set up displays and met with visitors. This is the second year of the career fair, which was held at Minto Armouries as a CF-exclusive event last year. This year, organizers invited other service organizations to participate in the daylong event.

"There is a certain demographic that is attracted to a job in uniform, or an adrenaline job, or a kind of action-oriented career and we thought we would capture a better chunk of that cross section by cooperating," said LCdr Stiff of HMCS Chippawa. Representatives from the RCMP, the Winnipeg Police Service, the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service, Manitoba Emergency Services College and Service Canada participated in the fair.

The fair was aimed at attracting those looking for something a little different. "I was one of those kids who wanted to be a cowboy or a fireman or an astronaut or something, and those guys and girls are out there," LCdr Stiff said. "That's who we're trying to reach through these kind of career fairs — those are the kind of people we are looking for, and they're the ones who will be happy here, who will do well with the trying, who will eat up the training."

One of the most popular parts of the day was the vehicle displays — a G-wagon that people could climb up and look at, a Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat (RHIB), and a line cable layer milcot (military commercial vehicle) display from 735 Communications Regiment. The line milcot display and personnel on hand were to show off the equipment and talk about the job they do in the Communication Reserve. Recruiter MCpl Lisa Harrower-Smeets focus for the day was line technicians, a position similar to what a Manitoba Hydro line technician does. In the CF, they are responsible for setting up communications between command posts and units during operations. "They're very active in the field," she said. "We haven't hired or recruited for the line trade in a few years — we haven't really had to. Today it seems to be selling



Cpl Mike Todd shows students Amanda Hunter and Evan Fulawka cardiac and respiratory equipment at the 17 Field Ambulance display.

itself." Part of that appeal likely came from the equipment on display, and reservists Cpl Dailey and Pte Theissen, who could tell the students, close in age to the students, what it's like to join the CF.

Throughout the day, MCpl Harrower-Smeets had a chance to talk extensively with potential candidates and said she'd seen several quality applicants. "A quality applicant would be someone who meets all the basic requirements, has a genuine interest in the military and is serious enough to apply that I can give them an application and take their names and call them back," she explained.

Her job is to help those applicants understand the difference between the Regular Force and the Reserves, the different environments, the jobs available, and discuss the practicalities of the positions she's recruiting for. A line technician,

for example, couldn't be colour-blind, because they're working with colour-coded wires, or afraid of heights, because they're climbing poles. If the Comm Reserve doesn't seem like a good fit, she helps them figure out what they might like and sends them down the line to a more appropriate choice.

Several schools visited throughout the day, but the majority of the visitors came after school hours with their parents, which is not uncommon for an event like this. The day is meant to give students an idea of what's available in a pressure-free setting.

"You need these kind of events for people to come and see, in a no-threat, no-risk, don't embarrass me kind of scenario, and learn a little bit, hear a presentation, see a video," said LCdr Stiff. "It's like a teaspoonful — have a taste, see if you like it."

Community Shows Gratitude And Appreciation

By Officer Cadet Donna Riguidel

Regina, Sk— Recently I had the joy of attending the Labour Day Classic in Regina. Although my Blue Bombers lost (badly) I enjoyed the day, mostly because it was a Military Appreciation night and I was there in uniform.

I lost count of the number of people that stepped into my path to offer only one thought: "Thank you."

The first time someone thanked me, I felt embarrassed. I am an Officer Cadet and have never been overseas but I have heard stories from those who have. Some of my friends have been medically released because of what they've physically

and mentally experienced on tours.

Somehow "You're welcome" didn't seem an adequate response to these heartfelt words.

Walking around the grounds, I asked other members how they felt about the day's event. My brothers and sisters in uniform—whether they are army, air force or navy—are unanimous in their attitude towards these types of community outreach events.

"It's a lot of fun. I love being out here in uniform," said Sgt Paul Parks from The Saskatchewan Dragoons.

By the day's end I realized I had no reason to be embarrassed. These people

were not thanking me in particular, just the uniform that I wore and what it represents. They were thanking the military in general, and at the time I was the face of what the uniform and the potential sacrifice it represents.

Lieutenant Tebo, a platoon commander with The Second Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (2 PPCLI), and his Light Armoured Vehicle (LAV III) crew, actively engaged folks in conversation at the pre-game static display, which he said included receiving "...a lot of thank yous; thanks for being there for us, and for the world."

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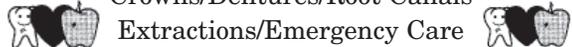
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Taurus (April 20 - May 20): You quietly and persistently pursue what you want. You are instinctively drawn to what is best for you now and are good at putting thoughts into action to get the rewards you envision. The only caution is to avoid too much of a good thing, moderation is best at this time.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21): Double check to ensure you're really moving forward in life. It's logical to listen to your heart to determine the type of situation or relationship that makes you feel truly loved and appreciated. You know you are the authority on this. New options are becoming obvious.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Good fortune is coming your way. A change in your circumstances gives you more freedom. As long as you are happy with how things are going consider it a success, never mind the financial return. Feel confident in following your bliss. For now, it is the right thing to do.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): Your desire for security could have you seeking assurances but be careful not to become too preoccupied with your own needs. Those around you are busy with other interests and would benefit a lot from your support just now. Be honest, if you stretch the truth, you'll be discovered.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): You want to make choices that will result in noticeable improvements for you. Set goals. No matter how you proceed you'll end up further ahead than you expected. However, keep things in perspective - "it is the journey that counts, not the destination."

Libra (September 23 - October 23): No matter how hard you try, your desires seem to elude you. Accept life's detours with grace, allow yourself to make a few "wrong" choices and you'll find you're less stressed. Enjoy the scenery. Realize how much you have. Answers will appear eventually, so be patient.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 21): Prepare for a breakthrough in your emotional life. You're about to find love or leave behind a situation that seems to confine you too much. When you're appreciated you feel comfortable, stronger, more willing to play and explore. Embrace all that life has to offer.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): When faced with trials and tests try not to "psych yourself out" with fears of disaster or failure. How you see a situation affects how you deal with it, and consequently, the outcome. You'll win more than you lose if you just hold to a steady course of action.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19): Stop trying so hard to do it all. You can't be perfect in everything you do. What's important is that you enjoy what you do and who you are with. Stick to work that showcases your strengths and talents. You'll like what you see if you do, and so will others.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18): Cut your losses and move on. Don't let fears stop you from pursuing something that is better suited to your style than what you've been doing. It may seem risky when others take a different route, but let them go their own way as you set off on your own adventures.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20): It's hardest to keep going when you think your efforts are wasted. You may think you aren't getting anywhere, but take another look. The lonely, emotional, rollercoaster ride you've been on is almost over. Once your peace of mind is restored, you'll find it easier to mingle again.

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“It’s Beginning To Dawn On Me Now...”

In his own words, Padre Capt Harry Crawford reflects on his tour in Afghanistan and why our Canadian troops are such exceptional people

By Capt Harry Crawford, Padre, from The Western Sentinel

“The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God, and no torment will ever touch them...”

There is a time for war, and a time for peace, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to be born, and a time to die...

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long...”

These are but a few of the scripture readings that I have used to help soldiers cope and at the same time honour, their comrades who have died in Afghanistan. I never imagined when I got on the plane to come to this troubled nation that I would have to do the ‘long walk,’ otherwise known as a ramp ceremony, so many times.

I didn’t know how much our tour would test all of the Canadian soldiers, myself included, mentally, physically and spiritually. I didn’t know how much it would change me and my outlook on the world, maybe even on life. I didn’t know all this when I came here, but it’s beginning to dawn on me now.

As our rotation of Operation Archer draws to a close, and the RIP (its not what you think, in the military it stands for Relief in Place) chaplains are now on the ground, I am beginning to reflect on all that has occurred. It has been an amazing experience to be ministering in this land of extremes.

Our Canadian Forces have been battling an enemy that seems to have little regard for any life, their own included, and yet the Taliban embed themselves in a local population that is as polite and friendly as any you might encounter in Canada.

The land of sand and mountain is stark and plainly beautiful, yet is littered with the remnants of wars that have been fought here for decades. The summer temperatures are as far above zero as any of ours are below.

The most memorable and meaningful memories and experiences that I will take from here however, come from working, worshipping and living with the men and women of the Canadian Forces.

Canadian soldiers are fascinating people. They push the limits of conventional morality without apology in terms of their social behaviour, and yet will without question travel to the bleakest places on earth to carry out the wishes of



Padre Capt Harry Crawford provides a departing prayer for Pte Robert Costall of 1PPCLI during his Ramp Ceremony in Afghanistan last March, 2006.

their government, as they have done here. I have seen the same man whose chosen phrases would make a sailor blush, cry unabashedly in the arms of his friend, and then head back out to face bullets and bombs.

They are generally not religious, yet are all in their own way spiritual, with more than a few kissing the St Michael’s medallion they wear around their necks after surviving a particularly close call. They have revived the old Second World War phrase, “There are no atheists in foxholes,” and have seen things that Canadian soldiers generally have not witnessed since Korea.

They are tough and strangely sensitive, are good humoured yet often complaining, and have no real idea of how brave they are. Although we have had more than our fair share of tragedy in Afghanistan, I have seen the best that our country has to offer displayed in the actions of our (military’s) young men and women.

God has blessed me by placing me among them, and only asks that I give them a shoulder to cry on, a listening ear, an inspired kick in the ass from time to time, and above all, knowledge that they are His beloved children. Who wouldn’t love this vocation?

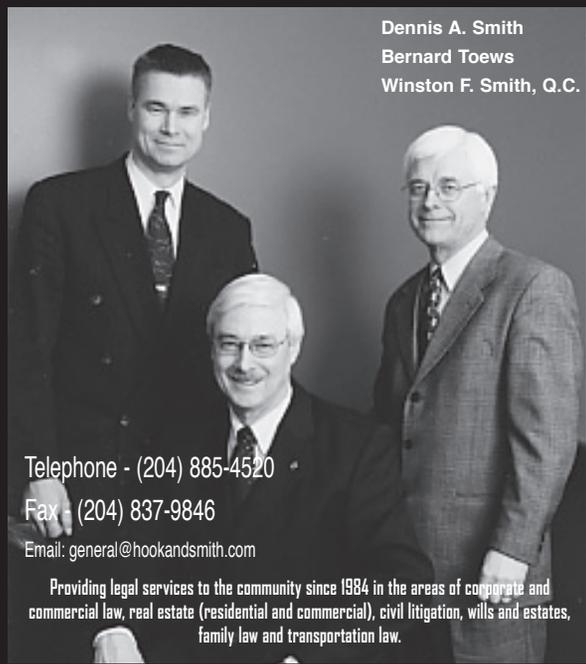
I will continue to reflect and meditate on how Afghanistan has affected and changed me in the weeks and months ahead. No doubt there were will some anxious days and I expect a few tears will flow when I meet with the families of friends who gave their lives over here. That said, I am beginning to believe that I will be a better person for my experiences in Afghanistan, and if I’m ever asked to come again I will answer in the time-honoured tradition of our church, “Here I am Lord, send me.”

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Wing ON THE THIS WEEK



WComd Col Ken O'Brien opens the first CFPSA National Community Recreation Conference in more than three years. The conference hosted at 17 Wing Winnipeg on 11 and 12 October was attended by more than 40 recreational professionals from across the CF, they gathered together to receive updates on CFPSA recreation policy and upcoming initiatives, and discuss the issues and challenges they are facing at their Wings and Bases.



Connor Martin, 4, shows off his picture in the 4 October VOXAIR to MGen Charlie Bouchard, Comd 1 Cdn Air Div at an MFRC Coffee Break.



Traci Wright, VOXAIR's volunteer proofreader for more than five years, receives her Female Volunteer of the Year award from LCol Paul Conway at the Wing Commander's Coffee on 27 September 06. Thanks for everything, Traci!



Capt Mike Rozak, Wing Heritage Officer, (left) and WO Dennis Hendrikson, Asst WCWO, at a Wing Commander's Coffee.



Taking one for the troops: As you can tell from the picture, this is not exactly the standard dress code for 17 Wing. Everyone that knows CWO Dierickse will find it unusual to see him dressed so "inappropriately." It was not even a Friday dress down day, but it was for a good cause nonetheless. Thanks to the initiative of 17 Wing Supply & Foods Sqn who organized a Dunk Tank event to raise money for the GCWCC, we got to Dunk our favourite CWO. For only a few bucks, most of the personnel of WTISS got the opportunity to throw balls in an attempt to get the CWO wet. After a number of attempts, Brendan from the IS Flight finally succeeded and dunked the CWO. Thank you CWO for being such a good sport and for the laugh. It was good for the morale of everyone.



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