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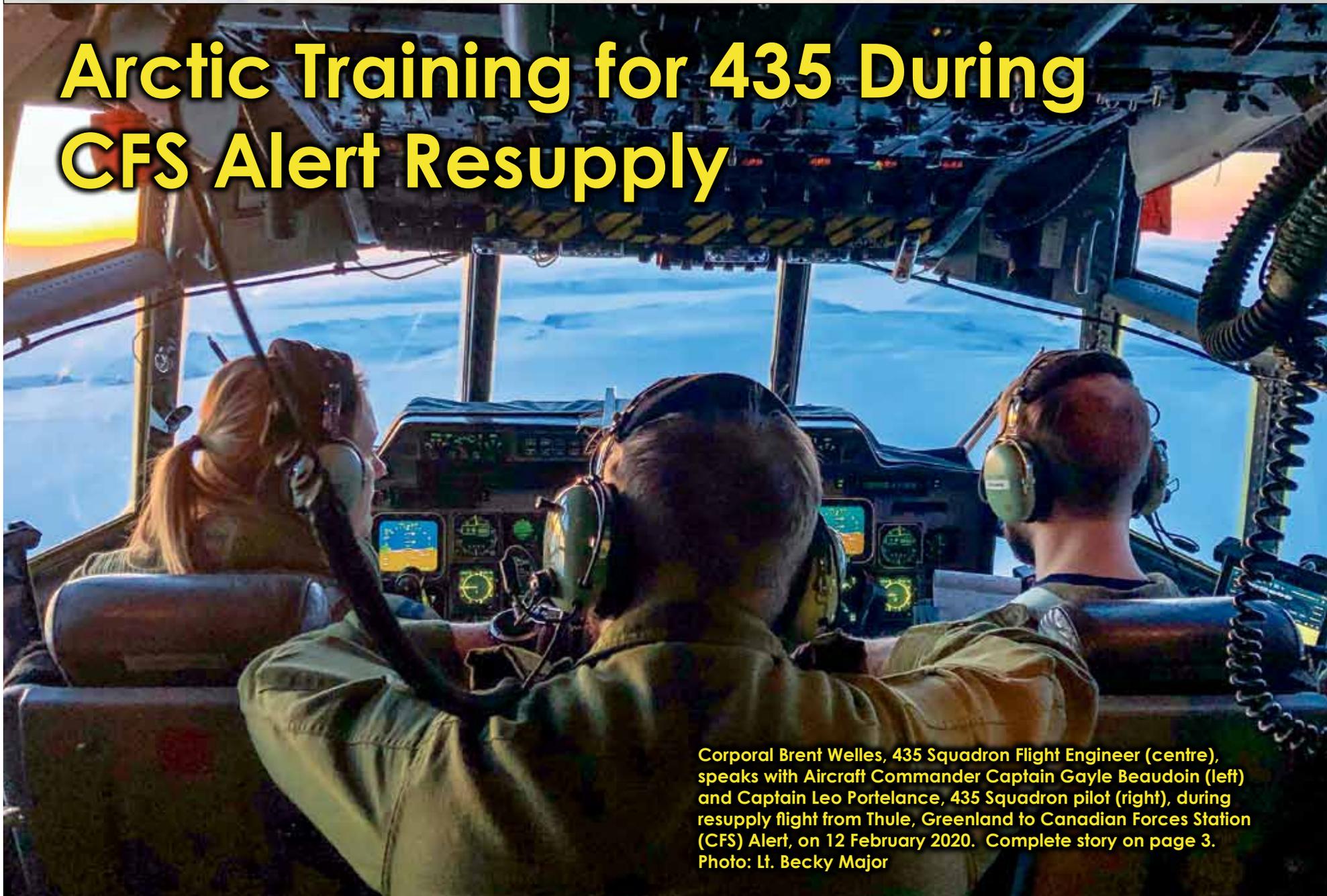
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## Arctic Training for 435 During CFS Alert Resupply



Corporal Brent Welles, 435 Squadron Flight Engineer (centre), speaks with Aircraft Commander Captain Gayle Beaudoin (left) and Captain Leo Portelance, 435 Squadron pilot (right), during resupply flight from Thule, Greenland to Canadian Forces Station (CFS) Alert, on 12 February 2020. Complete story on page 3. Photo: Lt. Becky Major

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# Foreign Training Gives ACSO Students a View of Space



At the Neutral Buoyancy Lab: (Left - Right) Matthew Sears, Colin Brewster, Jon Vandervoort, Marc-Andre Asselin, astronaut Jessica Watkins, Tim Clowes, Clement Ducellier, Robert Chatelain, Daryl Mason, Danny Tran. Photo: Supplied

by Martin Zeilig, Voxair Photojournalist

Astronaut Jessica Watkins smiled broadly inside the clear helmet screwed onto her bulky white space suit as she stood poolside with nine members of 402 "City of Winnipeg" Squadron in the Neutral Buoyancy Lab at the NASA Johnson Space Center (JSC) in Houston, Texas.

The aircrew was down in Houston from Jan 18-20 to expose the students at the squadron to U.S. airspace, according to Captain Matthew Sears, Air Combat Systems Officer (ACSO) Instructor at 402 Sqn.

"It's something we do in the military with our American allies," Capt Sears said during an interview on Feb 19. He was joined by ACSO student Second Lieutenant Clément Ducellier.

"It gives the students new airspace to fly in, so

they're not just flying in familiar airspace. It's all the little things that go into aircrew training that does not necessarily deal with flying," Capt Sears added.

"It's a reward to the students. They get to choose where to go. The options were New Orleans, Las Vegas, or Houston. Houston was high on their list if they could get a NASA trip, which we managed to do."

2Lt Ducellier, a native of Ottawa, who joined the Canadian Armed Forces just over 2 years ago, said he was impressed by the immense size of the JSC.



Tim Clowes (Left) and Danny Tran (Right) inside mock-up of the space shuttle cockpit. Photo: Supplied

"The high point for me was the history," he added. "We got to see the control room for the Apollo Missions, and the main control room for the International Space

Station. It was really cool to see that. They had a Saturn 5 rocket on exhibit. It's huge."

He also appreciated all the artifacts from years of different missions. Capt Sears said he was also overwhelmed by the massive size of JSC and the high point for him was meeting astronaut Watkins at the neutral buoyancy pool.

"The other thing that impressed me was the passion of the people who work there, not just the scientists and engineers. It's everybody," Capt Sears said.



At mission command building: (Left - Right) Danny Tran, Tim Clowes, Jon Vandervoort, Marc-Andre Asselin, Clement Ducellier, Matthew Sears, Colin Brewster, Daryl Mason. Photo: Supplied

## Proud to Serve and Ready to Make a Difference

by Lt Becky Major

Corporal Jean-Dimitri Raphael joined the military because he wanted to help make a difference in the world.

"My brother was in the military and I saw him get deployed and try to make a difference in people's lives, and I wanted to do the same."

In 2009, Cpl Raphael began his military career as a clerk but in 2016 he decided to remuster as an Air Weapons System Technician (AWS Tech). Cpl Raphael said he and his brother, who is in the Canadian Army in Quebec, are always competing for who has the "cooler" job.

As far as cool jobs go, operating a robot as part of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Team is definitely



Corporal Jean-Dimitri Raphael, 435 Squadron Air Weapons Technician, uses the remote controls to move the Telerod Explosive Ordnance Disposal Observation Robot (TEODOR) around in 10 hangar, 17 Wing, on 31 January 2020. Photo: Sgt Daren Kraus

near the top of the list. But, Cpl Raphael explains, it is harder than it looks.

"You've got to keep practicing," he laughed, "The robot is huge and you just have a monitor to control it but you have to be really precise. It's not easy!"

Cpl Raphael gave a demonstration with the robot and showed just how difficult it can be to manoeuvre. Multiple cameras allow many different views but he constantly has to switch between these views to make sure the robot does not bump into anything. Although practicing in the hangar may seem like fun, these skills are essential when it comes down to a real-life situation.

The AWS Tech who operates the robot during a disposal situation, for example, would be one person in a two-person team. The other member would be out in the field wearing a bomb suit.

"The suit weighs 80 pounds, and the helmet is extremely heavy," explained Cpl Raphael. "If you are operating the robot, you are also keeping tabs on your teammate. After 30 minutes, it is your job to check in with them and see how they are doing."

Cpl Raphael said it is easy to lose track of time when

wearing the weighted suit as it puts so much strain on the body.

In addition to the EOD team, Cpl Raphael and his co-workers assist units with everything and anything that has to do with explosives or ammunition. This includes supplying units with ammo for range days, returning unused ammo, and providing flares for search and rescue training and missions. In addition to filling requests, AWS Techs are also responsible for ensuring units are meeting the standard for storing their ammunition by doing regular inspections.

With eleven years in the military, Cpl Raphael still loves his job with the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). "I get to wear the uniform with a flag on my arm and that makes me proud," he explained, "We get to try and make a difference, and being in the CAF is like being part of a big family."

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# Occupation in PERSpective: Airborne Electronic Sensor Operator (AES Op)



**Sgt Spencer Cass on Oct 25, 2019 at 17 Wing.**  
Photo: Cpl Darryl Hepner, 17 OSS Imaging, Winnipeg from RCAF Public Affairs

Sergeant Spencer Cass is an Airborne Electronic Sensor Operator (AES Op) and the Training Management Officer at 402 Squadron at 17 Wing in Winnipeg. 402 Squadron is responsible for generating wings-qualified AES Ops (as well as Air Combat Systems Officers (ACSOs)) to support RCAF operations at home and abroad.

Sergeant Cass joined the RCAF as a direct entry AES Op in April 2009, and was one of the six privates on the first Basic AES Op Qualification course. His first posting was to 407 Squadron in Comox from 2010-2015. While there he participated on Op MOBILE, Op CARIBE (x4), Op DRIFTNET (x2), Op QIMMIQ (x6), Op LENTUS, and joint/combined exercises (x13), as well as numerous local exercises. For this issue of PERSpectives, we asked him to describe his occupation as he has experienced it:

## **Sgt Cass, why did you become an AES Op? What was it about the occupation that attracted you?**

I liked aviation from a young age. The opportunity to operate a multitude of sensors in an airborne environment sells itself. I had a background in computers also, and at the time I was joining they were advertising new platforms and upgrades to mission suites.

## **Was there anyone in particular who was instrumental in helping you decide to become an AES Op?**

My step-mother was the most instrumental person

in identifying and encouraging me to go AES Op. She is a Personnel Selections Officer, and assisted the AES Op trade with the direct entry program. She provided me with a printout of the basic AES Op duties, and from there my mind was set.

## **What's it like to now be delivering the training and what do you look for in an ideal candidate?**

It's the most rewarding part of my career thus far. I'm working with professional and driven instructors, and it's very motivating to see the trade evolving to new technologies and the advancement of our capabilities as a trade. I would say we are looking for motivated individuals that have a desire to learn, capable of adapting to a dynamic evolving occupation, and aspire to operate in an airborne environment.

## **What kind of interesting challenges does this occupation provide you?**

We deploy all over the world conducting anti-submarine warfare, overland operations, drug interdiction operations, search and rescue missions, multi-[national] operations and training exercises. The list goes on as our trade—and our aircraft—continue to evolve.

We also operate in different environments with outside temperatures ranging from -45 to +54 degrees (this was my experience) depending on the deployment, as well as in almost 24-hour darkness or daylight. We have the opportunity to work with large and small crews, depending on the platform, so we get to meet and learn from a multitude of individuals with different backgrounds and experiences to assist in our own development.

## **What are your career aspirations? Do you have a career bucket list?**

My initial career aspirations were single-minded and simple: to fly as much as possible, for as long as I can. It has evolved substantially since. Once I became a lead operator for my crew, I was responsible for developing new AES Ops until they upgraded to their highest level of required operational ability (i.e. A Category). This greatly encouraged me to understand my job to a deeper level to provide knowledge and guidance to my subordinates.

After I was posted out of 407 Squadron to 19 Wing Operations Support Squadron (OSS), I had a desire to instruct at 404 Long Range Patrol & Training Squadron (Greenwood, Nova Scotia) on the CP-140 Aurora or at 402 Squadron (Winnipeg) on the Basic AES Op Qualification Course.

I greatly enjoy my time here at 402 Squadron, and my new aspiration is to move to Fixed Wing Search and Rescue (FWSAR) or the Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS), as these are new platforms coming to our trade. I'd like to finish up my career having completed a tour as the Senior AES Op of a squadron (as a Chief Warrant Officer), and or completing a tour as the AES Op Career Manager.

## **How do you find the balance between your work and home lives?**

Difficult at times. I feel if you put the required effort in during the day, you should never have to take work home with you. I find that I spend most of my personal time with my friends and colleagues—they are all like family to me.

## **What words of advice or encouragement would you have for someone thinking about becoming an AES Op?**

If you're motivated and looking for an exciting career, the AES Op trade will not disappoint. The training requirements can feel long, but the job is demanding and we hold everyone to the same standard. Once qualified, your opportunities are vast; you will deploy all over the world and be exposed to new experiences year after year.

## **How do you think that you, as an AES Op, contribute to the RCAF's overall readiness? Where do you see yourself fitting in the big RCAF picture?**

As an instructor at 402 Squadron, I know I'm directly contributing to the RCAF's overall readiness. We are qualifying dedicated personnel to operational squadrons to meet Canada's interests domestically and abroad. As new aircraft become available to the RCAF (e.g. FWSAR, RPAS), we will further evolve the training syllabus to ensure new students receive the right training to operate on any platform. Qualified AES Ops are a vital component that contribute to successful missions.

# Critical Arctic Training Strengthens 435 Sqn Aircrew

by LT Becky Major

The Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) covers an enormous amount of area to support their domestic operations from coast to coast to coast. We often forget about the third coast, but the vast Arctic of northern Canada is an important part of our home and it can be a hostile place to work.

Although we tend to think of Winnipeg as chilly, having to conduct a mission in the Arctic creates a new set of challenges for aircrew with extreme cold temperatures and remote aerodromes. Recently, 435 Squadron (Sqn) had a chance to face these challenges by taking on a resupply mission to Canadian Forces Station (CFS) Alert, the northern most inhabited place in the world.

On Feb 11, 435 Sqn sent a nine-person crew with a CC-130H Hercules to pick up 28,000 pounds of freight and 12 passengers for delivery to CFS Alert. The crew included two flight engineers, two loadmasters, two navigators and three pilots. Normally only two pilots are required, but Captain Gayle Beaudoin was the Acting Aircraft Commander (ACC) in preparation for her upcoming check ride, so Capt Devin Rand, Instructor Pilot (IP), was there to support her training.

"It's not like being down south where everything is available all the time," explained Capt Beaudoin when describing missions in the Arctic. "In the north, planning is critical since there are fewer aerodromes and the weather changes frequently."

That planning includes everything from fuel and hangar space, to runway length and the possibility of an overnight stay. For example, if there is no hangar available and the crew has to stay overnight, the aircraft will be exposed to very cold temperatures through the night. This could cause the batteries to freeze and if temperatures are below -47C for more than three hours the fuel will crystallize.

Since there are fewer places to get fuel in the north,

the crew has to carry more fuel on board to ensure they can safely reach an alternate destination during a flight. More fuel on board means the aircraft is heavier, and therefore needs a bigger runway to be able to take off again.

"Since we don't need as much runway to land, if you don't plan ahead properly you could land somewhere and not be able to take off again," said Capt Beaudoin.

On their way to CFS Alert, the crew stopped at Air Force Base (AFB) Thule on the northwest coast of Greenland. The beautiful remote base is a common stopover for RCAF crews during northern missions, and adds another layer to aircrew training since the base is in a different country. Although it is an American base, there are many Danish residents which creates a unique mix of cultures.

While in Thule, the crew attempted to deliver the supplies to CFS Alert on 13 and 14 Feb but had issues with their number one engine propeller and were forced to return to Thule. The 435 Sqn members worked as a team to talk through the problem but were forced to wait out the weekend for a new propeller to be delivered by their fellow 435 Sqn members.

The weekend was spent exploring the serene Arctic countryside which surrounds the base, including Dundas Village which is an old abandoned Greenlandic village at the foot of Dundas Mountain. The crews saw Arctic hares, musk oxen, and Arctic foxes which run around the main buildings and are fondly known by the local residents as "archies".

After the weekend, the new crew from 435 Sqn delivered the propeller, and the original crew took the aircraft which had arrived from Winnipeg to complete their resupply mission to CFS Alert.

The rest of the mission went smoothly and the crew arrived back in Winnipeg with not only a valuable training experience complete, but also the memory of an un-

forgettable arctic adventure.

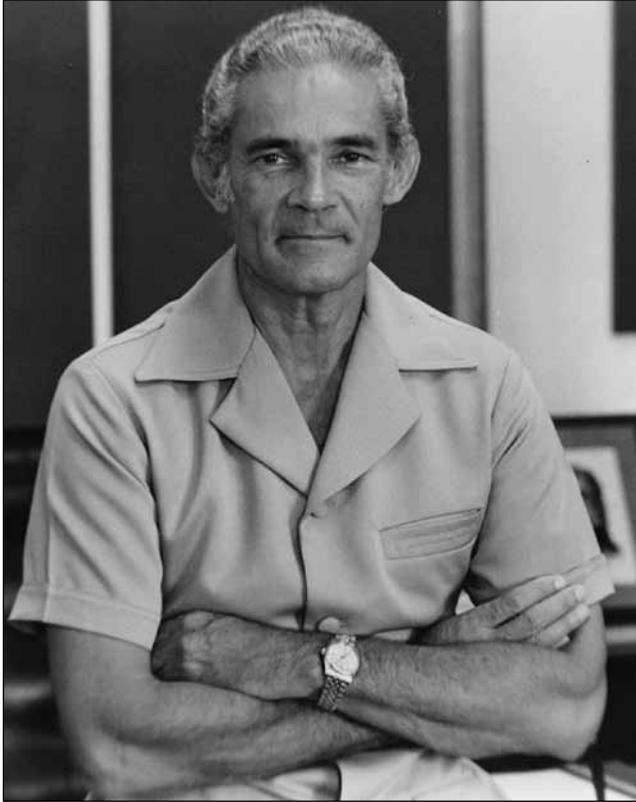
"The bottom line is that in order to have good quality aircrew that can operate safely in the Arctic where the majority of our missions take place, they need to train in the Arctic environment," said Maj Dom Paquette, Deputy Commanding Officer (DCO) of 435 Sqn. "These transport missions are an invaluable tool used to prepare our people."



**Captain Devin Rand and Lieutenant Josh Morgan proudly display a Canadian flag in front of the iconic sign at Canadian Forces Station (CFS) Alert. The two were part of a 435 Squadron crew that completed a resupply mission to the remote northern station on 18 February 2020. Photo: Lt. Becky Major**

# Recruits of Choice

February is Black History Month. In this article, we examine the challenges that several Black Canadians conquered to become members of the Royal Canadian Air Force, their contributions to the Air Force and Canada, and their tremendous achievements during and following their military service.



Canadian Michael Manley served in the RCAF before he was elected Prime Minister of Jamaica. Photo: Supplied

by Major Mathias Joost

The Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) has always attempted to select the best possible candidates from among Canadian society. In the period before the Second World War, there was much competition to gain one of the few positions in the air force. The RCAF could afford to choose the best candidates. The need for manpower over the course of the war did not reduce the quality of the recruits being accepted.

In 1940, the RCAF had an agreement with the Army

that the RCAF could talk to the best Army volunteers and see if they wished to join the Air Force. Post-war, the RCAF continued to select only the best. This selection of the best of Canada's young men and women can be seen in the achievements of Black Canadians who served in the RCAF.

Michael Manley served as aircrew and, in 1972, became the fourth prime minister of Jamaica.

Lincoln Alexander, Leonard Braithwaite and Lloyd Perry all became lawyers, with Alexander becoming the first Black Member of Parliament and the first Black Canadian appointed as lieutenant-governor of a Canadian province.

Leonard Braithwaite became the first Black member of the provincial parliament in Ontario, and was responsible for pushing through important anti-discrimination policies.

Lloyd Perry became a director in the Ontario Attorney General's office, responsible for protecting the rights of children.

Some Black Canadians remained in the RCAF after the war and went on to distinguished careers.

Sammy Estwick enlisted in December 1941 and served until 1963. He worked in telecommunications in the RCAF, both as an instructor and as an operator, continuing in this field after he retired. In his retirement, he helped found the Ottawa Lions Track and Field Club and the Gloucester Senior Adults' Centre, and served as president of both. He also served in leadership positions with the Vanier Lions Club and the Society for Technical Communication.

Eric Watts went from being an airman to a squadron leader when he retired. Wherever he went, he was considered to be one of the best, whether serving as an instructor or as a section head. As the wing air armaments officer at 1 Wing in Marville, France, he took the wing's armaments serviceability rate from last to first among the four wings in the Canadian Air Division.

The post-war RCAF also had its share of quality recruits. Among the many who distinguished themselves were George Borden and Wally Peters.

George Borden served from 1953 to 1985. He then served five years as executive assistant to the province's Ministry of Social Services, being the first Black in Nova Scotia in this position. He was the province's first literacy coordinator for Blacks from 1988 to 1991, and is also a well-known poet and songwriter.

Wally Peters enlisted as a fighter pilot, going on to become a Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) advisor to the



Leonard Braithwaite, first Black member of the Ontario Provincial Parliament. Photo: Supplied

United Nations on the tactical movement of troops by air, and the CAF's first human rights officer. On retiring, he went worked with Transport Canada, helping to create aviation safety programs and to establish the Canadian Aviation Safety Board. He might be best known however, for having served as a member of the Snowbirds.

Black Canadians have always been ready to serve Canada. The RCAF has benefitted from the quality of those who have served, as has Canada and its people.

# Selkirk Legion Donates to Support Military Families

by Martin Zeilig, Voxair Photojournalist

The Selkirk Legion presented a cheque for \$10,361 to the Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC) on Febru-



(Left - Right) MFRC Board Of Directors Vice Chair Katie Wedgwood accepts donation cheque from John Austin, President of the Selkirk Legion, Second Vice President Neil Zebinski, and Legion member Harold Anderson. Photo: Martin Zeilig, Voxair Photojournalist

ary 6 during the MFRC's monthly public coffee break.

The presentation was made by John Austin, President of the Selkirk Legion, Second Vice President Neil Zebinski, and Legion member Harold Anderson.

Zebinski and Anderson are retired members of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Katie Wedgwood, Vice Chair Board of Directors MFRC, accepted the cheque on behalf of the MFRC.

At least 100 military and civilian personnel dropped by, including Wing Commander Colonel Eric Charron.

The Legion's money was raised through attendance draws, golf tournaments to support the military, and other fundraising activities, Mr Zebinski said.

"We're donating it to the MFRC because of the things they do to support military families," he added. "Things couldn't be any better for us (at the Selkirk Legion). I encourage anybody in our area to drop by and see us. It's a great place to be. We also think that the MFRC is doing a great job in the community."

Ms Wedgwood was surprised by

the amount being donated.

"We are so fortunate to have such phenomenal support from the Legions in and around Winnipeg," she said. "I'm blown away by the generosity of the Selkirk Legion; all of the fundraising they do at their Legion, and that they share these generous gifts so that they can support the troops and the families."

Ms Wedgwood emphasized that the MFRC is fortunate to have such great support from the Wing.

"We have such a fantastic relationship with the command team here, and also from our military community and our local community and from our supporters and partners from the Legion," she said, pointing out that the substantial turnout at the coffee break was another example of that community support.

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# Making the Roads and Ramps Safe at 17 Wing



The 17 MSS Snow and Ice Control section is ready to keep the mission moving forward despite the winter weather. Photo: Supplied

by Cpl Emmerson, Avr Pitts, Pte Samaha, 17 MSS

Snow and Ice Control (SNIC) is a section within 17

there is minimal to no impact on daily operations. SNIC

Mission Support Squadron (MSS) comprised of both Mobile Support Equipment Operators and Civilian MDOs.

SNIC usually stands up at the beginning of November and ends in late March, depending on the weather. Crews are responsible for clearing all snow and ice from the ramp, road ways, gates on the Wing, parking lots, and the St. Charles Range.

The crews are divided into one day crew and one night crew who are on standby 24/7. The crews are constantly working to achieve safe roads and ramp conditions to ensure that during a snow event

follows a strict priority list which is divided into three categories, each designated for the operational need of the Wing. For example, the main travelling routes on Wing must be cleared of snow before SNIC crews can start on the parking lots.

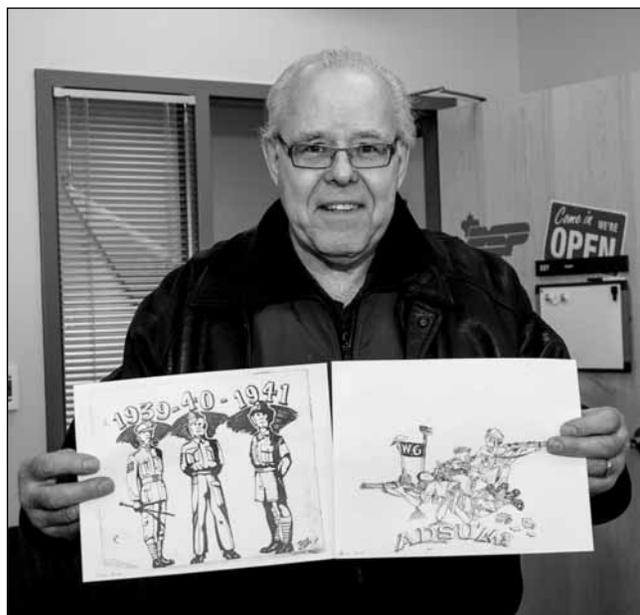
All of the equipment that the SNIC crews operate are specialized pieces of equipment designed for a specific purpose. The 20' plow truck with a tow behind sweeper is one of a couple pieces of equipment that are designed specifically for the ramp. Without this piece of equipment, 435 Squadron and 402 Squadron would not be able to properly execute their missions during a snow event. Around the Wing you will see SNIC crews in the duke blowers, dump trucks, graders, sander trucks and loaders with different attachments. This equipment is made noticeable by their bright yellow colour, and flashing blue and orange beacons.

SNIC crews very much appreciate when on-coming traffic slows down and stays out of the way of the equipment as this makes for a safe work environment for all on the Wing.

It's an unpredictable job the SNIC crews hold. Every year is a different adventure with different challenges to face, but it makes for an exciting job!

# Winnipeggers Killed in Service Remembered by Family Neighbour

This is the first in a series of stories over the coming months to mark 2020 as the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. The series will include concise profiles of some of those individuals, many of whom paid with the ultimate sacrifice, who served in the Canadian Armed Forces at the time, book reviews and related articles and interviews.



Alan Parkin displaying cartoons by Winnipeg born Second World War hero John Kelso. Photo: Bill McLeod, Voxair Manager

by Martin Zeilig, Voxair Photojournalist

At the outbreak of the Second World War, two brothers, Henry and John (Jack) Robert Kelso, enlisted with the Winnipeg Grenadiers.

The young men lived with their parents, Mary Margaret and John Kelso, both immigrants from Belfast, Northern Ireland, and five siblings in the family home on Lipton Street near downtown Winnipeg.

Prior to the war, Henry had worked at the Canadian bank of Commerce and Jack in the display department of T. Eaton Company on Portage Avenue.

Henry, a physical education instructor with the

Grenadiers, had served with the reserves for three years prior to the outbreak of the war.

Jack was also a gifted cartoonist and was to have attended a prestigious art school in Chicago and then worked for Disney in Los Angeles, California following the war, notes information in the book *Kartoons* by Kelso (Hardcover 44 pages first edition November 8, 2007) by Curtis J. Phillips.

The book was brought to the attention of *The Voxair* by Alan Parkin, a retired bicycle shop owner/financial planner and now a volunteer with the Military Family Resource Centre at 17 Wing, who has an abiding interest in military history.

Phillips, who lives in Fort McMurray, Alberta, is a nephew of the Kelso brothers. *The Voxair* corresponded with him via email.

"A few months into training, the brothers, along with the Winnipeg Grenadiers, were posted to garrison duty in Bermuda and Jamaica," Phillips writes in the introduction to his book. "It is there, while stationed in the Caribbean, that John sketched 40 cartoons of military life that you now see on these pages. On November 1941, the Grenadiers were sent to defend the British colony of Hong Kong against the Imperial Japanese Army. On the morning of December 7, 1941 the Japanese invaded Hong Kong and during the next few days the Winnipeg Grenadiers along with other Canadian and allied force battalions, which were ill-prepared for battle, met their demise. The Kelso brothers serving with the West Brigade were thrust into battle December 18, 1941 and were killed the next day. In all, more than 550 of the 1,975 Canadians who served in Hong Kong never returned."

The brothers are buried in unmarked graves in San Wan Bay War Cemetery in Victoria, Hong Kong.

Parkin knew of the Kelso family "because they lived on the same street as me" when he was a young boy, he explained during an interview.

"The brothers, Henry and Jack, were no longer around having been killed in 1941," he said.

"I knew the family. My mum used to tell me of the two brothers because she was of their generation."

After the tragic Christmastime Battle of Hong Kong, Mary and John waited with hundreds of other Winnipeg

families for news of their sons' fate, says the book *125 Years Brookside Cemetery: A Celebration of Life Volume 1-1878-2003*.

"The Winnipeg Free Press published daily updates from the Far East from the middle of December 1941 through the New Year," says the section titled *The Kelso Family*.

"It was a telegram from the Department of National Defence on January 8, 1943, that Mary and John finally found out that their two sons had been declared 'Killed in Action' on December 19, 1941 during the Battle of Hong Kong.

"For the death of her two sons, Mary became a Silver Cross Mother and was presented with two Silver Memorial Crosses in 1943, which were issued as mementos 'of personal loss and sacrifice by mothers of those who laid down their lives for their country.'"

In 1972, as a further tribute to the sacrifice made by the two brothers, the Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names named a lake in Northern Manitoba "Kelso Lake," says the same book.

Another son, Alan, a member of the Winnipeg Grenadiers Reserve Battalion and employed with Prairie Radiator and Equipment Company was only 19 years old when he was accidentally "crushed between two vehicles while on convoy exercises with the Grenadiers on January 20, 1951," notes the book.

He is buried at Brookside's Field of Honour in Lot 3005.

As he flipped through the pages of a three ring binder containing letter size pages of John Kelso's colourful cartoons, Parkin mused on what if.

"These people were individuals," he observed. "They had lives and families and interests. I kept asking myself what more could he have done had he not died in the war. For me, I would like people to remember Jack and his brother, Henry, and that he did these things. Many people sacrificed their lives for the freedoms we enjoy today. You need to thank these people."

Note: All the information used in this article was provided by Alan Parkin, Curtis Phillips, and (courtesy of Mr. Parkin) material published by Brookside Cemetery in Winnipeg.

# Winnipeg Jets Hockey Academy Participants Tour 17 Wing



**Captain Jason Collingridge, 402 Squadron Air Combat Systems Officer, briefs the students from River East Collegiate on the capabilities of the CT-142 Dash 8 aircraft during the True North Foundation visit to 17 Wing on 13 February 2020. Photo: Sgt Daren Kraus**

by Martin Zeilig, Voxair Photojournalist

For high school students Kylee and Scott, being part of the Winnipeg Jets Hockey Academy has given them the opportunity to do more than just hone their skills as hockey players.

It has allowed them to succeed in academics, learn important life skills and broaden their horizons.

Kyle, a grade 10 student, and Scott a grade 12 student at John Taylor Collegiate (JTC), and 13 of their fellow students from JTC and Westwood Collegiate were given a tour of 17 Wing on February 19.

They are all participants in the Winnipeg Jets Hockey Academy (WJHA), which is part of the True North Youth Foundation.

The students were accompanied by Jennifer McAlpine, Youth Career Counsellor for the WJHA, and Nick Sasaki, an on-ice instructor and classroom tutor for the WJHA.

The Winnipeg Jets Hockey Academy (WJHA) is a play-based program designed to increase school attendance as well as high school graduation rates in socially and economically challenged schools in Winnipeg.

WJHA has over 250 volunteers from local companies, 50 school champions and employs 30 university students throughout the school year to guide over 620 children in improving their connection to their school by offering a weekly hockey program for student athletes.

The WJHA runs during the school year within local arenas and schools in Winnipeg.

"The program enables children who have few recreational options to participate in a hockey skills program over a 25 week period that incorporates community volunteers and university students as instructors and positive role models," McAlpine said.

Participation barriers are removed by providing pro-

gramming staff, equipment, transportation, ice rentals, nutrition, and qualified on-ice instruction to all academy participants.

The school-based program creates a path for students from grade two through high school to learn the basics of hockey and increase their connection to their school, McAlpine added.

Upon reaching high school, student athletes enter the Hockey Canada Skills Academy with the support and supervision of the WJHA. This enables students to receive a high school credit that can be used to fulfill their graduation requirements.

In high school, the WJHA is geared to a more academic and life program, Sasaki said.

"They might leave hockey but they can stay with us for the after school program, which is designed to help them succeed on the outside after high school," he explained. "I provide all the academic supports, and help make sure they get to graduation. Jen (McAlpine) is responsible for all the life skills. We try and expose them to all the different types of careers that they might be interested in and not exposed to. The military has a wide array of careers that could be offered to our kids, and so we just want to show them that."

Pedersen, who doesn't play hockey now, said she had been thinking about joining the military.

"I didn't realize there were so many options," she commented.

Rhoden, who's been part of WJHA for eight years now and plays forward on his school's hockey team, said he'd like to play junior hockey next year.

"I think it's been a really good experience on this tour of 17 Wing," he said. "I could possibly change my mind about a career in the military."

He also added that the WJHA has benefitted him in a number of ways, including becoming more involved in school activities and making more friends.

## The 'Battle Buddy' challenge is on



**Battle Buddy collectible coins remind members and family that they are never alone. Photo: Supplied**

by Peter Mallett

A military veteran has created a collectible coin for the ill and injured to let them know they are not alone.

The Battle Buddy Challenge Coin, says creator Leading Seaman (Retired) Debbi Ferguson, is a symbol of hope and support.

Those who purchase them for themselves become part of the Battle Buddy family. Those who buy them as a gift become a Battle Buddy, demonstrating that no one gets left behind.

That idea is echoed in the design, with a soldier carrying an injured comrade to safety. On the flip side, two hands interlock in a firm grip, symbolic of reaching out

for help, with a maple leaf in the background. The coin has a silver antique finish and comes with a registered number and certificate with the name of the recipient.

Ferguson has also turned the design into a Battle Buddy dog tag, as some people prefer to wear the art rather than carry a coin.

"The purchaser of the coin is saying to the recipient, I have your back and I am there for you in the darkest hour, and will be there to pick you up in your time of need. I will always have your six."

Ferguson created the coin and dog tag as part of her company Delta Fox Trot Designs, which she opened after leaving the military in 1998. She served for 14 years before a medical release.

She says the concept for the coin and terminology was drawn from Second World War infantry, with each soldier on the battlefield assigned a battle buddy or fox-hole buddy. This life-or-death pact required one soldier to keep an eye out for threats while their battle buddy focussed on the enemy.

Her artistry extends beyond the coins and into military themed drawings, paintings, and logo designs

placed on t-shirts, ball caps, and stickers.

Partial proceeds from sales go to veteran charities such as the Canadian Legacy Project and Homes for Heroes Canada.

Coin pricing ranges from \$19 to \$97, depending on the presentation package, personalization, and style of display case. While most sales are domestic, she has sold to the U.S. and to far-away places such as Serbia, Australia, and New Zealand.

"This level of interest has truly made me realize I did the right thing when I created the coins because it helps bring our first line of defence people hope. It is saving lives," said Ferguson. "As veterans and first line of defence personnel, we all suffer from some sort of work-related injury, and we struggle when not in uniform anymore. Yet, we all understand each other's pain more than anyone else."

Delta Fox Trot Design will be at the Feb. 27 MAR-PAC Health and Wellness Expo in the Naden gym. Ferguson says she looks forward to meeting and hearing the stories of other veterans from Victoria and further afield. To learn more about the company go to [deltafoxtrot.ca](http://deltafoxtrot.ca)

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# RCAF Barker College Teaches Intro to Space Operations to NATO Countries



by Martin Zeilig, Voxair Photojournalist

Captain Glenn Dean, Space Courses Director at Barker College, and Sergeant Steven Gillis, Space Course Instructor at Barker College, taught an introduction to Space Operations course for NATO Operations at the NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) School in Oberammergau, Germany, in early December.

The aim of the course is to provide students with foundational knowledge of the capabilities, limitations and vulnerabilities of Space assets including the utilization of Space Services and Products by Nations and NATO in crisis and operational activities.

“The school has over 200 courses they teach, but only one space course at the basic level,” Capt Dean said during an interview with Sgt Gillis at Barker College. “It

teaches very basic space operations, orbital mechanics, satellite operation, satellite design, and space surveillance. It’s an introduction for any one of the NATO partners. There are twenty-nine different nations that are eligible to take this course with a maximum of 32 students and every nation gets a chance to attend.”

He also added that the personnel taking part ranged in rank from Aviator to Colonel and included all domains of the armed forces.

“We were very well received over there,” Capt Dean said. “Of the 29 nations, there are only a handful that are space faring that have space capabilities, with the US being top tier. Canada is one of the few that has structured space education, which is why they leverage Canada to teach these courses. We already have an educational process in place. NATO doesn’t have a space instructor cadre. That’s why they use our expertise in this area.”

Apart from himself and Sgt Gillis, Capt Dean said there are also two or three U.S. personnel who teach most of the academic portion at the NATO School.

“We teach a lot of the theory stuff and to give it the NATO flavour, a NATO instructor will talk about NATO’s application to that subject,” he added.

He commented, too, that the background of student experience varies from knowing nothing about the topic to knowing a great deal about a very particular aspect of space operations.

A space lawyer from Denmark commented that the course was very helpful to her because she knew about the law side of space, but she didn’t understand the operations or what we do, said Capt Dean.

“The course is designed to get them thinking in general terms, how it all works together,” Capt Dean said. “It’s a general appreciation of space as an entire entity, and how it can support NATO operations.”



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## College Corner



### RPAS, UAV, or Drone: What is the correct term?

The Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) Barker College has an item in its inventory that is unique to the entire RCAF: The CU-171 Super Hauler. The Super Hauler is a remotely piloted aircraft system (RPAS) and the only RPAS in the RCAF inventory. Barker College uses this aircraft system to train students on the Operational Test & Evaluation course. The students have to come up with a test plan and see just how well the radar and infrared camera on this small aircraft (about ten feet long) can accomplish a given mission.

The term RPAS may not be one to which you are familiar. You may have heard the term unmanned (or the more inclusive term uninhabited) airborne vehicle or UAV. Some versions refer to it as UAS with the “S” standing for system. Finally, the term Drone is very common in the news and media. All of these terms refer to the same thing and shows the evolution of the name we give to a new type of air platform.

The first term that came out was unmanned airborne vehicle or UAV. This captured the idea that there was this airplane flying with no pilot physically in the aircraft. Unfortunately, this term gave the sense that there was only one piece, the plane, when in fact there are two pieces: the plane and the ground control station from which the operator controls the plane. Thus, the term unmanned airborne system or UAS to recognize the two parts that form a system: one part needs the other to work.

Still, this term was not good. Unmanned or uninhabited failed to recognize that there was still a person in charge. Thus, the term RPAS acknowledges this by saying a human is remotely piloting the aircraft. RPAS is the office term the RCAF uses.

So where does the term Drone come from. At a NATO conference several years ago, this question came up. The answer: it is a wonderful media buzzword. The word “drone” is a single syllable, easy to say, and conjures up images of robotic machines dominating the airways.

And now you know.

For more information on the RCAF Barker College or the CU-171 Super Hauler, contact us at [InfoRCAFbarker@forces.gc.ca](mailto:InfoRCAFbarker@forces.gc.ca).

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Fitness and Sports Instructors at Building 90 put 17 Wing members through their paces at the St Valentine's Day circuit at the gym. Photo: Bill McLeod, Voxair Manager



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# Wing Commander's Honours & Awards



17 Wing Commander, Colonel Eric Charron (Left) presents Corporal N.R. Clohossey with the GSM-Expedition Medal, with the assistance of 17 Wing Chief Warrant Officer, CWO Claude Faucher (Right), During the Wing Commander's Honours and Awards Ceremonies at 17 Wing, February 11, 2020. All Photos: Cpl Brian Lindgren, 17 OSS Imaging.



Captain M.A. Payne received the OSM-Expedition Medal.



Sergeant R.S. Cass received the OSM-Expedition Medal.



Captain C. Gallant received the SSM-Expedition Medal.



Corporal K.A. Walsh received the SSM-Alert Medal.



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Corporal G.S. Lavigne received the CD Medal.



Mr. J.W. Dalke received the 35 year recognition Certificate.



17 Wing Primary Force Generator Cell received the Wing Commander's Commendation.



Sergeant Bonnie Hill received the 2 CAD Commander's Commendation.

# Wing Commander's Honours & Awards



Mr. R. Mulchand received the Wing Commander's Commendation.



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Chief Warrant Officer M. Laporte received the Chief Warrant Officer's Scroll.

## Sports Trivia

### Game 7, Overtime, and Extra Time by Stephen Stone

1. Which team won the first winner-takes-all game seven in the World Series?
2. How many innings did it take for the Washington Senators to win their only World Series?
3. Which Senator committed eight errors in the World Series loss to the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1925?
4. In game seven of the 1955 World Series, who was the winning Brooklyn Dodger pitcher who beat the New York Yankees 2-0?
5. Which Milwaukee Braves pitcher won three games against the Yankees in the 1957 World Series?
6. Who hit a game- and World Series-winning walk-off home run in the bottom of the ninth in game seven of the 1960 World Series?
7. Who is the only NHL goaltender to have allowed two Stanley Cup-winning overtime goals?
8. Which are the only two NHL clubs to win the Stanley Cup in overtime only to lose it the same way the following year?
9. Which team is the only one to win the Stanley Cup in overtime in game seven twice?
10. Only two defencemen have scored the Stanley Cup-winning goal in overtime. Who are they?
11. Which NHL team has won the most Stanley Cups in overtime? This is a gimme for true hockey fans.
12. In the NBA, only two final series went to overtime in game 7. Which team won both and which teams lost?
13. Which team won the first overtime Grey Cup game?
14. Which two teams competed in the first, and so far only, double-OT Grey Cup game?
15. Which two teams competed in the only overtime Super Bowl game?
16. In the FIFA World Cup, how many final matches went into extra time (in other words – overtime)?
17. How many FIFA World Cup final matches were decided on penalty kicks after extra time?
18. Who scored the gold medal goal for Canada in the first Olympic overtime gold medal game in men's ice hockey?
19. Who scored the gold medal goal for Canada in the first Olympic gold medal game in women's ice hockey?
20. Which team won the longest overtime game in Stanley Cup history to date?

Sports Trivia Answers on page 10

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## Sports Trivia Answers

### Sports Trivia Questions on page 5

1. The Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Detroit Tigers 8-0 lost the Fall Classic.
2. It took 12 innings in 1924. Washington beat the a was the winning pitcher.
3. Roger Peckinpaugh, the American League MVP, Pirates victory.
4. Johnny Podres.
5. Lou Burdette beat Don Larsen (of 1956 WS perfect game fame) 5-0 in game seven for his third win.
6. Second baseman Bill Mazeroski hit the homer, off Williams to win the Series was in game six in 1993.
7. Gerry McNeil, Montreal Canadiens: 1951 and 1954.
8. Montreal Canadiens: beating the Boston Bruins double overtime in game six in 2000.
9. The Detroit Red Wings defeated the New York Canadiens in overtime in 1954.
10. Bobby Orr with the Boston Bruins in game four four versus the Florida Panthers in 1996.
11. Montreal Canadiens, 4: 1944, 1953, 1966, and 1977.
12. Boston Celtics: 1957, a double-OT win over the Angeles Lakers.
13. The Winnipeg Blue Bombers defeated the Hamilton Tiger-Cats 28-27 in 1961.
14. The Edmonton Eskimos defeated the Montreal Alouettes 38-35 in 2005.
15. The New England Patriots defeated the Atlanta being the statistical superior team in that game.
16. Three: June 10, 1934, Italy defeated defeated the Netherlands 3-1.
17. Two: July 17, 1994, Brazil defeated Italy 3-2 after defeated France 5-2 after a 1-1 extra time match.
18. Sidney Crosby at 7:40 of the first overtime period in 2010.
19. Marie-Phillip Poulin at 8:10 of the first overtime in 2014.
20. The Detroit Red wings defeated the Montreal Maroons 1-0 in the sixth overtime in 1936.

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# Taroscopes

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**Aries (March 21 – April 19):** Use a balanced approach when trying to figure something out. Seek deeper awareness. Initiate discussions. They may get heated but they will help you see the full picture. Once you have a greater understanding of people's feelings you will be able to see what wasn't obvious before.

**Taurus (April 20 – May 20):** Life is a journey. Sometimes you are in the company of others. Sometimes you have to go it alone. It's hard to leave behind others especially if you felt a sense of security as part of a group. Don't get caught up in your ideas of how things should be. Stay present. Live in the moment.

**Gemini (May 21 – June 21):** Your confidence grows. As you embrace your strengths and stand in your truth you're ready to try something new. Revisit your childhood dreams to better understand yourself. This facilitates you creating a life that is a true reflection of who you are and what you desire. Breathe.

**Cancer (June 22 – July 22):** Some of what you started has worked. Other things brought surprising and upsetting results. Learn from this. Appreciate each experience. Life is about growing, changing and living through the ups and downs. Celebrate the gifts of each day and gracefully meet the challenges that arise.

**Leo (July 23 – August 22):** Things may frustrate and annoy you but speaking up now could cause problems for you later. If you try and push someone their anger and actions may be more than you can handle. Walking away is probably for the best. Focus on rejuvenating joy through a new adventure.

**Virgo (August 23 – September 22):** Assess what your next step will be. This isn't the time to just sit and wait and see what will happen. You have a lot of resources at your disposal. Make your own luck. Get out there. Widen your scope. Commit to doing one thing daily to bring you closer to reaching your goal.

**Libra (September 23 – October 23):** You can say and do the right things. You have the knack for seeing how situations will pan out. What was hidden before is revealed. Other now see what you already knew. Patiently keep reviewing and considering before striking a deal. Your strength is in your adaptability.

**Scorpio (October 24 – November 21):** You're gaining a new lease on life. Be grateful and appreciate all that you have experienced. Current opportunities result from past connections you made. Your actions and words have had far-reaching, positive effects. Now decide where you wish to go next. It's your call.

**Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21):** You have things well in hand and get the most out of every day. You balance the practical and adventurous. People look up to you and want your "secret" on how to get what you want. You make a good impression because you're happy with what you have achieved.

**Capricorn (December 22 – January 19):** You're wise, flexible and care about others enough to want to relate to them on their level. Things may fall into place easily but watch for a ripple effect that creates issues elsewhere. The fallout could surprise you. Organize a meeting for everyone to discuss solutions.

**Aquarius (January 20 – February 18):** Convey your determination to win. Be gracious. Networking is fortuitous. Reconnect with friends and "catch up" on their lives. You've changed and so have they but you still have commonalities. A mutually beneficial arrangement could lead to greater opportunities.

**Pisces (February 19 – March 20):** Others see your value. Someone you hoped would appreciate you, now sees your strengths and your depth. Yes you are different but you're also capable. You naturally take the lead and can manage well. Love is in the air. Don't let the past hold you back. You are a free spirit. Soar.

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# Introducing our newest 17 Wing Chaplain: Padre Sloboda

Padre Sloboda comes from the Ukrainian Catholic tradition and he is a Pastoral Associate with the Roman Catholic Military Ordinariate of Canada. He just returned from his intensive training at the Chaplain School at CFB Borden.



17 Wing's new Chaplain, Antin Sloboda. Photo: Supplied

**by Padre (Rabbi) Glogauer**  
**What was your experience as a child growing up in the militarized Soviet-Ukraine?**

The Soviet-Ukraine was a quite a militarized culture. I remember, in secondary school during our physical fitness classes all children had to learn to throw mock aluminum-made grenades for distance. In high school boys learned to assemble a Kalashnikov rifle and practiced shooting. My personal experience was even more unique because my birthday was on Soviet Army Commemoration Day, which used to be a very significant and serious

national holiday. One of the eccentric customs was that all the males received gifts from their female classmates.

Regardless of that militarized environment, in childhood I never thought seriously about military service as a meaningful vocational pursuit. In the former Soviet Union, the military was predominantly seen as a repressive institution that did not treat well its soldiers, and a mechanism to oppress the freedoms and rights of citizens.

**Could you share something about your journey to ministry?**

My main inspiration to consider pastoral ministry came from my maternal grandfather Fr. Adam M. Morawski who was a Ukrainian Catholic priest. Because of his loyalty to the Catholic Church he was severely persecuted by communists. After WWII western Ukraine fell under Soviet rule and shortly after Stalin declared the Ukrainian Catholic Church as an illegal entity. Most of our clergy were either incarcerated, killed or they went into hiding. In 1949 my grandfather was arrested and together with his family they were shipped in a cargo train to a Gulag settlement in Siberia. They spent nine years in Siberia. Upon his return to the Ukraine, the Soviets would not allow him to function openly as a priest. Right up until passing, Fr. Adam ministered in clandestine conditions. I always admired my grandfather for his spiritual resiliency.

When Ukraine became free and religious education became possible, at age of fifteen I left home to join a minor seminary. Two years later I entered a major seminary of the Holy Spirit in Lviv, the same institution that my grandfather attended prior to WWII. With the collapse of the Soviet Union the seminary reopened after being closed for more than half a century.

**What brought you and your family to Canada?**

When I finished my seminary program there were more graduating seminarians than my eparchy (diocese) could instantly ordain. Graduates were encouraged to seek additional education or to find something meaningful to occupy themselves as they waited for priestly

ordination.

My Ukrainian Catholic Church is blessed with many priestly vocations as they thrive on the memory of sacrifice during the twentieth century. The Church had proven itself as a trustworthy witness of Gospel values in times of persecution and this makes it attractive for many young people today.

As a seminarian, I was particularly interested in ecumenism, peace-building and inter-religious dialogue. In 2005 I came to study at Master of Arts program in Conflict Studies at Saint Paul University in Ottawa. It seemed to me a perfect place to expand my knowledge and skills.

**What happened after Saint Paul University?**

After I finished my MA program at Saint Paul University I was invited to work for the Canadian office of the Vatican agency - Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA). The agency focused on providing humanitarian and pastoral support for people in need in the Middle East and in Eastern Europe. I was with CNEWA for nine years. It was a real privilege to be supporting numerous communities that experienced hardships and challenges similar to those of my faith community.

Before coming to 17 Wing, I served for three years in various pastoral ministry capacities including health care, parish and correctional environments.

**How does it feel for you to serve in the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF)?**

This is where I truly feel I belong. For about 10 years of my life I lived and studied in various Catholic seminaries. I must say that I felt quite comfortable functioning in these highly structured institutions. Military service reminds me to some extent of life in the seminary - uniform, routines, sense of camaraderie with your team members, shared common mission and goals.

There is a long standing tradition of Ukrainian Canadians, including Ukrainian Catholic Chaplains, who served in the Canadian Armed Forces in both World Wars. I am proud to be following in their footsteps.

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**Baptism:** The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is available by contacting a Chaplain. Baptism Preparation is a requirement. *Please contact the Chaplain before setting the date for the baptism or arranging family travel.*

**Protestant Chapel Guild:** It meets the first Wednesday of the month at 1300 hrs in the Chapel Annex. All women are welcome.

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 ext 5417

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**Padre Antin Sloboda**  
 (Ukrainian Catholic  
 Pastoral Associate)  
 ext 5087

**TBD**  
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 ext 5086

**COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

**Religious Education:** Classes can be available to children from Preschool to Grade 6.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** It is available by request and at special times of the year. Contact Padre Gemmiti.

**Baptism:** We recommend that you contact the chaplain's office for an appointment six months in advance. *Please contact the Chaplain before setting the date for the Baptism or arranging family travel.*

**Marriage:** Six months notice (1 year preferred) is required for weddings, as counselling is necessary to prepare couples for Christian marriage. A marriage preparation course is also required. *Please contact the Chaplain before setting the date for the wedding or arranging family travel.*

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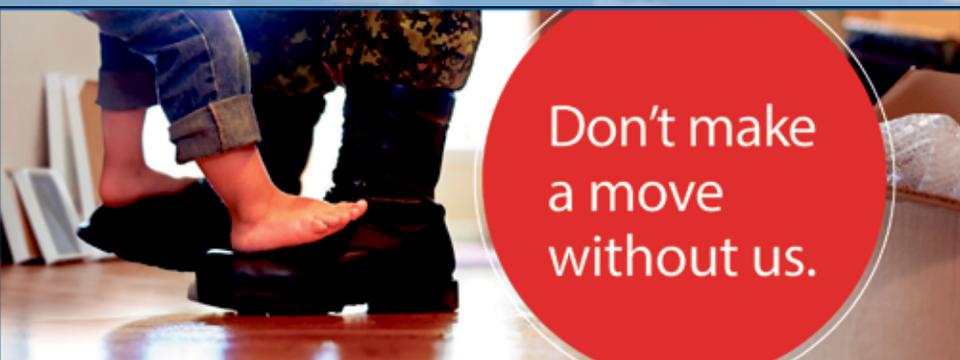
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