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435 Squadron Responds To Back-To-Back Rescue And Humanitarian Missions



Returning after a 22-hour crew day, SAR Techs WO Bryan Pierce (left) and Sgt Andrew McLean tell Winnipeg media about their role in back-to-back rescue and humanitarian missions including their jump at Summer Beaver, Ontario.

By 2Lt Angela Court

17 Wing Winnipeg, Man – 435 Squadron Search and Rescue crews responded to two call-outs back-to-back Sunday, April 29th through Monday, April 30th – a rescue in Hinton, Alberta, and a humanitarian mission in Summer Beaver, Ontario.

Just after 10 pm Sunday, the Joint Rescue Coordination Center tasked the SAR standby crew, led by aircraft commander Capt Dennis Scharf, to search for a confirmed aircraft crash in Hinton, Alberta. The aircraft was home built, and had two souls on board. An

Alberta-based ground search and rescue team quickly arrived to the site.

The 435 Sqn crew was ready to return to base, but the JRCC told them to head for Ontario for another tasking – a humanitarian mission in Summer Beaver, north east of Thunder Bay.

The crew arrived in Summer Beaver where SAR Techs WO Bryan Pierce and Sgt Andrew McLean parachuted in to provide emergency medical care to a 15 year-old girl.

Capt Scharf led his crew back to Winnipeg, where they handed over the mission to a second crew, led by Capt Alex Schenk.

Capt Schenk and his crew returned to Summer Beaver, where they dropped 30 additional oxygen bottles. WO Pierce and Sgt McLean used these oxygen bottles to stabilize the girl until weather was suitable for a Thunder Bay based air ambulance to land and transport her to hospital.

“The ability of 435 Squadron to respond to back-to-back rescue and humanitarian missions – from Alberta to Ontario – speaks to the dedication of our ground and air crews,” said Commanding Officer, LCol Sean Friday. “Teamwork is essential and we take great pride in working together to help those in dis-

stress.”

The initial SAR crew included: Capt Dennis Scharf, aircraft commander; Capt Kevin Tromp, first officer; Capt Terrence Wheadon, navigator; WO Brian Ste. Croix, flight engineer; MCpl David Burrill, loadmaster; WO Bryan Pierce and Sgt Andrew McLean, SAR Techs.

The second crew consisted of: Capt Alex Schenk, aircraft commander; Capt Jesse McGrath, first officer; Maj Jean Bernier, navigator; Sgt Brad Marriott, flight engineer; Sgt Jose Hamel, loadmaster; MCpl Ernest Whelan and MCpl Christopher Lamothe, SAR Techs.

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Through The Halls Of History

The Royal Winnipeg Rifles Museum

By Avery Wolaniuk

As the oldest infantry battalion in the province, their history reaches back a long way. From the Northwest Rebellion led by Louis Riel, to the relief of Khartoum in 1885, the South African War, to two World Wars, members of the RWR have served in seven wars, in peacetime as allies of NATO, and as relief in the great Winnipeg flood of 1950 and again 47 years later for the flood of the century. Riflemen have served in the Korean War, in Kandahar, and almost 30 will join the 300 2PPCLI slated for Task Force 1-08 in Afghanistan in February of next year.

The Royal Winnipeg Rifles Museum, located on the second floor of the Minto Armoury, chronicles the activities of the regiment over the past 125 years with models, displays and a self-guided tour. Starting with displays documenting the conception of the then-named 90th Winnipeg Rifles on 9 November 1883, visitors can follow along the history of the province's oldest citizen-soldiers.

The purpose of the museum is to preserve the history of the Regiment and show the importance of the Little Black Devils to the city of Winnipeg and another generation, says President CWO (ret'd) Gerry Woodman, a Rifleman who served for 34 years and has now been involved with the regiment and cadets for half a century. Cadets, veterans, students, family members and those drawn to all things military regularly stop by to learn about the city's Regiment and their remarkable past as the West's oldest Regiment, with more battle honours than any other Western Canadian Regiment.

The tour explains the role of the famous Battle of Fish Creek, the conflict against Gabrielle Dumont and the Métis, in naming the regiment. The men trekked 540 kilometres through April's snow and blizzards, a march that ended after 18 days on 23 April 83 with the battle that spawned the regiment's motto: *Hosti Acie Nominati*, or Named By the Enemy. "It was here that captured prisoners, awed by the cool, steady advance of the sharp shooting Rifles said after-



Director Gerry Woodman (left) and Archivist Dave Wawryk can take you back to the beginning of the RWR history in 1883.

wards, 'The red coats we know, but who are those little black devils?,' states the museum's website, thus christening the regiment with its formative identity. The Little Black Devil icon continues to be part of the regimental uniform.

Interest in the Riflemen is ongoing, says the museum's archivist, Mr. Dave Wawryk. He fields requests from the public about information on former RWR members. "With Veteran's Year last year, there's been an resurgence in interest of information on relatives," he says. Their records stretch back to the formation of the Regiment, meaning they can trace members right back to the rebellion in Saskatchewan 1885.

The museum is open every Tuesday evening from 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm, and other days by appointment by calling 895-2588. One of the draws to the museum is the Infantry Weapons Room, the extensive small arms display of allied and enemy weapons. "We've probably got the best small arms display in Winnipeg, if not Manitoba," says Mr. Woodman. The central showcase houses a Brown Bess musket, an AK-47, with eight wall displays and more than 50 (disabled) weapons.

And there is still more. The museum is hoping to create a new display of the 90th's NATO involvement as space is available, says Mr. Woodman. "We just don't have the space to get everything out that we have — it's all this good stuff."

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17 Wing Graduates Pilots, Navigators, Airborne Electronic Sensor Operators

By 2Lt Angela Court

17 Wing graduated 23 pilots, navigators and airborne electronic sensor operators Friday, April 27, at graduation parades here and in Southport, Portage la Prairie, Man.

One multi-engine pilot, eight rotary-wing (helicopter) pilots, seven air navigators and seven electronic airborne sensor operators were awarded their wings.

“These 23 students graduating today represent the fu-



Multi Engine Course and Basic Helicopter Course graduates at Southport.



Graduates of the Basic Air Navigator Course 0601 at 17 Wing.



Lt Mikal Houston receives the LCol K.H. Pauls Trophy for outstanding performance from Col Reid.

ture of the Canadian Air Force,” said 17 WComd, LCol Sam Ness. “They are graduating from two of the world class schools at 17 Wing.”

These graduates are posted to Air Force bases across the country, on aircraft such as the CC-130 Hercules, the CP-140 Aurora, the CH-149 Cormorant, CH-124 Sea King, and CH-146 Griffon.

“Congratulations to all of you,” said LCol Ness, “To the students, their instructors, and their support staff at all of the schools and across the Wing. Your teamwork, and professionalism is representative of the excellence this wing displays both in our training and operations.”

Graduates of the Basic Air Navigator Course include Plt Off Simon Chapman, Capt Richard Cote, Lt Mike Gagnon, Plt Off Stephen Graham, Lt Myk Gray, Lt Mikal Houston, Lt Israël Vincent. Lt Houston received the LCol K.H. Pauls Trophy for outstanding performance throughout the course, as well as the James R. Dow Trophy for outstanding Air Navigation flying excellence.

Graduates of the Basic AESOP Course include Cpl John Bowden, Cpl Jason Burns, Cpl Keith Churchill, Cpl Steven Horne, Cpl Patrick Murray, Cpl John Paul Ross, and Cpl Kyle Spearin. Cpl Burns was received the Reginald (Pat)



Lt Lawson receives a trophy for flying excellence from John Enns from the Wartime Pilot's and Observer's Association.



Cpl Jason Burns receives the Reginald McNamara Trophy for outstanding achievement in the Basic Airborne Electronic Sensor Operators Course (AES OP)

McNarma DFC, DFM Trophy for overall excellence in academics and flying on the course.

Capt Nicolas Authier-Hercules was the sole graduate from the Multi Engine Course at 3 CFFTS today. Graduating from the Basic Helicopter Course were Capt Michael Bottoms-Griffon, Lt Jarrett Cormier, Lt Phil Lawson, Lt Mike Maharajh, Capt Jason McLinton, Capt Jamie O'Leary-Griffon and Captain Ryan Snider.



Graduates of the Basic Airborne Electronic Sensor Operators (AES Op) Course 0602 at 17 Wing Winnipeg.



Capt Caron receives the Portage La Prairie Award for the student who displayed the highest degree of professionalism and officer-like qualities from City Councillor Mr. Dan Quinn.



Lt Mikal Houston receives the James R. Dow Trophy for outstanding Air Navigation flying excellence from Mr. Alan Hansen.

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Diesel Power: SPV Section And SNIC

By Lt Tony Johnson

17 Wing Transport Flight is organized into a headquarters and several sections, each with varying duties based upon their establishment, equipment and time of year. General Purpose Vehicles section (GPV) controls smaller vehicles such as staff cars and the ever-popular ramp taxi. Within GPV there are also bus and tractor-trailer sections. Special Purpose Vehicles (SPV) consists of the Refuelling and Heavy Equipment (HE) sections. Refuelling section holds and distributes gasoline, diesel and jet fuel. HE section works on the larger, more specialized vehicles used for many of the tasks associated with keeping the base roadways and airside ramps open for business. Overall it is a busy and quite often over-tasked organization within the Wing, especially during the winter months. This past winter I was positioned in SPV, whose mission, along with WCE Roads & Grounds, is to support airfield operations. I worked in the section during this past Snow and Ice Control (SNIC) season, so that I may better understand the inner workings of one of the key sub-elements of Wing Transport. This article will present a brief introduction to the section's role in winter.

The first order of business as a newbie in HE was to get a couple of pairs of safety boots. Lots of heavy metal objects are located in the vehicle bays and more often than not they tend to find a way to fall on unprotected feet. Later came an initial tour of the vehicle bay located within the shiny new Log Bldg on the north end of the base. My first impression was that it must be quite a feat to have to back in the huge plow trucks with a 20 ft towed ramp sweeper on the back; contrary to other heavy equipment bays I've seen, this one has no drive-in-drive-out capability. Also, the sweeper assemblies are backed into the bays with only inches to spare. But, the people employed here are highly skilled and have overcome this little irritant quite successfully, backing the 69-foot ensemble quite nicely into 70-foot spaces. The sweeper-plow truck tandems (there are two of them) are some of the most impressive heavy-duty work trucks I've seen. The plow trucks are new Western Stars, mounting a 20-foot plows barely squeeze in through the 20-foot bay doors and are angled slightly to allow for safe passage. The towed sweeper trailers themselves are another impressive piece of kit, each with 16-foot metal brush assemblies that whisk the ramp clear of snow and ice down to bare pavement. Next to the sweepers were the graders. Two of these special purpose vehicles are found at TEME/Transport and are utilized for, among other things, clearing the roads during the winter. In addition to the graders, there were two front-end loaders that are multipurpose and excellent at clearing mountains of snow out of parking lots. Next in line were the two dump trucks, used in conjunction with the loaders or snow blowers for snow clearing and sanding on the ramp, roads and parking areas. Two monstrous snow blowers round out the bulk of the heavy equipment roster for SNIC; the Vohl with its dual auger and the bigger brother, most commonly referred to as "The Duke." These two machines are indeed awesome. Both have two separate diesel engines, one for the drive train and another for the blower. The Duke is about twice as large as the Vohl and is aptly named for the amount of snow it can devour in a single pass.

SNIC season is now over, but the actual planning and preparation for snow and ice control begins shortly after the previous winter. As with everything military, after action reports and lessons learned are applied to the next year's SNIC forecast. A SNIC committee meets throughout the spring, summer and fall and SNIC Orders are distributed under the authorization of



The Duke blowing snow into piles for removal. This helps cover up mistakes.

the Wing Commander. Once budgetary, personnel, vehicle and other issues are sorted out, all that is needed is the first snowfall. Sgt Martin Latour is the current HE section commander. A day and night shift is used throughout the SNIC season, from mid-October to mid-April, each with specific tasks and details. Currently Cpls Gary Huffman and Chris Brewer head the two shift crews. The HE Foreman, MCpl Kyle Jensen is usually in before 0700 and almost immediately inspects the ramp. The whole team is a mixture of civilian and military operators, each with years of training and experience.

The skill sets of the operators in HE section is top notch. Most of the Mobile Support Equipment Operators and their civilian counterparts, the MDO 6's, have years of experience in operating heavy equipment. One civilian, Mr. Ray Ladders, has close to thirty years of experience operating heavy equipment on this base. The training for the vehicles is also quite extensive. For example, the runway sweepers require at the minimum 60 hours of hands-on training before an operator can go out and work on his own. I went for a ride along in a grader with Cpl Jeff Jackson and he handled the machine like an extension of his body. Pedals and levers were pushed and pulled in a rhythmic manner as he operated the grader on the street, raising and lowering the mol-board (think blade) as he cleared away chunks of ice and debris. This helped me to gain a greater deal of respect for the level of proficiency required by these operators. I tried to sit in the driver's seat once and immediately became overwhelmed by the array of dials and controls in front of me. Each piece of equipment is a different beast, and even the same type of vehicle has different manners of operation depending on the work to be performed. For example, the two graders, an older Caterpillar and newer Volvo, are completely different machines. The Volvo has what is called "articulate steering" which entails that the body of the vehicle is actually two parts, connected in the centre by a hydraulically managed pivot point. This allows for easier steering and in effect simpler operation, as it is a newer model. It is said that working within HE section is the high point of an MSE Op's operating career. I can see why that is, as it is a challenging area of expertise that requires a mastery and ability to operate multiple pieces of kit, at varying levels with many different tasks.

Ice makes excellent FOD, especially with jet engines using the ramp. Also, the awkward Canadian weather and frost constantly causes the surface of the ramp to fluctuate in temperature and ice coverage. Some snow is not an issue with the C-130 Hercules, but jets like the CF-18 require clean surfaces for flight prep and taxiing. The ramp is always a priority, so regardless of what needs to be done by whom, it is constantly being inspected

and cleared as necessary. The dayshift is constantly on the go and takes care of work more aptly suited for the daytime, concentrating on snow clearing, when parking lots are full. Usually the night shift will clear the areas not accessible during normal working hours, like parking lots, and do most of the snow removal during and after huge snowfalls. Christmas leave? Not for the SNIC crews. If no snow falls these guys may get a week, but the ramp is a priority to keep clear, especially with the constant possibility of search and rescue flights. As such the personnel working in HE section often come in on statutory holidays. As a matter of fact, this past New Year's day, the entire section was called in to clear the prior evenings snow fall.

SNIC responsibilities range from the normal to the obscure. Ramps, roads and parking lots are typical tasks that we have all seen on an ongoing basis throughout the winter. However, in addition to these routine tasks, the Heavy Equipment section also continues its responsibilities for clearing the roads and lots at the old Kapyong barracks. This portion of the defence establishment is routinely plowed to keep fire routes cleared and film makers happy (A local film production company currently leases an old building on the south side and reaps the benefits of winter snow removal). And don't forget the rifle range and local reserve units. Buildings like HMCS Chippawa and Minto Armouries that hold the Fort Garry Horse, the Royal Winnipeg Rifles and other 38 CBG units are tasked to the HE section and are routinely inspected and cleaned.

Having just returned from training on another base and having driven on others in the winter, I can rightly state that the heavy equipment operators here at 17 Wing are true professionals and deserve a great deal of appreciation for the jobs they perform year round, but especially during the winter. The Wing is kept exceptionally clear of snow and ice as a direct result of the hard work of the civilian and military members in this section. Without their dedication and level of service, the Wing would not be able to meet its commitments to the Canadian Forces.

Everything you ever wanted to know about SNIC but were afraid to ask:

- 7 civilians and 11 military personnel make up the SPV section.
- Amount of fuel burned during this past SNIC season: 40,000 litres.
- Total amount of snowfall recorded for 17 Wing Winnipeg from 1 October 2006 to 1 April 2007: 105 cm.
- Amount of Sand Dumped: Enough to make a beach around Wing HQ.
- Enough snow was cleared from the base to build exact replicas of 1 Cdn Air Div four times over.
- If one plow were to run in continuous motion and account for the ramp, and all parking lots, laneways and roads cleared, you would be able to travel back and forth from Victoria, British Columbia to Gander, Newfoundland 13 times (Not including the ferries).

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CFSSAT Gets Guinea Pig For A Day



Guinea Pig host Ryan Stock gets a lesson in the effects of pressure on the body.

By 2Lt Angela Court

17 WING WINNIPEG – The members of the Canadian Forces School of Survival and Aeromedical Training (CFSSAT) demonstrated some of their training capabilities through the filming of their Aeromedical Training (AMT) course here today.

Ryan Stock, host of TV series “Guinea Pig,” completed classroom and altitude training in order to illustrate the scientific effects of pressure.

“The filming of this show was a rare opportunity,” said Maj Dave Proteau, Commandant of CFSSAT. “The series is about science and its effects on the human body. This was an excellent venue to demonstrate to the public the excellence of training delivered here at CFSSAT.”

Once the planning, coordination, and preliminary requirements were complete, the training and filming were executed in just one day – albeit a nearly 11-hour day.

“To film one minute of a movie, it usually takes one entire day,” said Heather Watson-Burgess, of Guinea Pig’s research, writing, and creative process team.

“The training my staff delivered was the same quality they extend to our own aircrew,” said Maj Proteau, “Through instructing Ryan, they were able to exhibit their profession-



That’s a wrap – CFSSAT staff put in an 11 hour day, including clean up, for the filming of the episode.

alism and expertise to our external audience – the public.”

The episode is to be aired on Discovery Channel in January 2008.

Members of CFSSAT are not the only faces to be captured in time by Frantic Films. Warrant Officer Bryan Pierce represented the CF in a scene for Peter Jordan’s Grey Cup Adventure, aired by CBC last fall.

The Canadian Forces School of Survival and Aeromedical Training (CFSSAT) provides initial and continuation training for all CF aircrew on such diverse topics as life support equipment, human factors, disorientation, and night vision as well as Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape training.



Amber Lynn and Ryan in a shot that will air on the Discovery Channel in January 08.

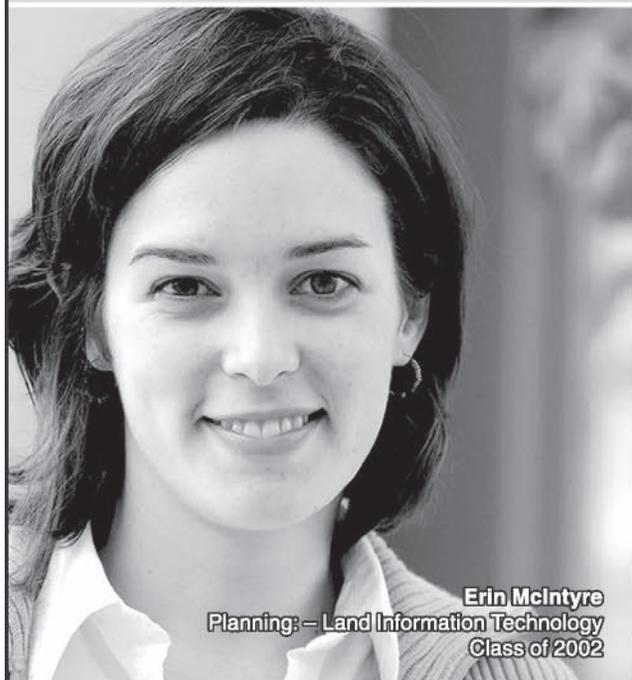


A Fortieth Anniversary

By Alf Brooks

In June Royal Mail will issue a miniature sheet marking an important philatelic anniversary. Since 1967 British definitive stamps have featured a profile of Queen Elizabeth II based on a sculpture by Arnold Machin. Collectors name them ‘Machins,’ and for many collectors studying the many issues and variations forms a large part of their hobby. The miniature sheet shows a picture of Arnold Machin, the first Machin issued, and two £1 recent values.

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Nijmegen Update

By Avery Wolaniuk

They'll cover over 900 kms in training, spending hours to get their bodies, minds and camaraderie ready for the real test, a four-day, 160 km march through the Netherlands in July.

The International Four Days Marches Nijmegen, or Vierdaagse, was originally a military march intended to keep soldiers fit after the introduction of the motor vehicle. Throughout its nine-decade history it has evolved into a civilian march with approximately 10% military participation. The march has happened annually, with the exception of World War II and last year's walk, cancelled due to an extreme heat wave that resulted in 69 people being hospitalized and two civilian participants' deaths.

Each member from 17 Wing training for the 91st annual march in Nijmegen comes with their own reasons, says team leader Capt Joel Templeman of the RCSU. "Some people come for the challenge, it takes a lot



Members of the 17 Wing crew preparing for Nijmegen this July return from their early morning march on 2 May 07, their second day walking a distance of 15 kms.

of physical and intestinal fortitude to get up and do all the training," he says. For some, it's familial ties to Holland, and for others it's the history behind the countries that draws them.

The two countries have had a special connection since WWII when Canadians spearheaded the liberation of the Netherlands, and CF participation in the Vierdaagse recognizes that relationship. "Canadian flags always bring cheers and waves, and they're unbelievably thankful for the Canadian contribution," says Capt Templeman, who experienced that warm reception on his inaugural Nijmegen trek in 2005.

For the world's largest walking event, 48 825 people have registered from about 50 countries this year. That means learning to move together is a critical part of training, says the team leader. "There is no real way to train on your own for this. The crowd is 50 000 people, and you're a group of 11 trying to stay together in this sea of people." The walk starts on the third Tuesday in July, and each of the four legs is named after the largest town the route travels through that day.

PSO Corner

By LCdr Ron Mumford, WPSO

As I glance out my office window, although I've been warned about being so premature, I think it's safe to say that my first Winnipeg winter is over, even though the snow tires are still on my car. As the new Personnel Selection Officer at 17 Wing, I thought that an excellent way of introducing our section in terms of what we do and how we do it, would be to provide a number of articles for the Voxair.

The WPSO Section comprises the Personnel Selection Office (PSO), Wing Ground Training (W Grd Trg), Language Training Centre (LTC) and the Wing Publication Office (WPO). Each of these sections provide a different function in support of 17 Wing and the Canadian Forces. Over the next few articles it's our intention to provide you with some relevant information, whether you're preparing for release, a second career, looking towards education upgrading, seeking additional training opportunities, wanting to upgrade your language skills, or if you require professional publication services.

This first article will focus on the Personnel Selection Office (PSO). Under the direction and authority of the Wing Commander, the mission of this section is to enhance the organizational efficiency of 17 Wing, area formations and

lodge units, through the provision of services designed to facilitate the development of the individual military member. To accomplish this mission the PSO office provides and assists the member in making informed decisions, intended to maintain and further their military career and at the end of their career to effectively make a successful transition into the civilian community. There are essentially four main services that the PSO office provides:

Personnel Selection (1) provide career counselling, and assistance on request; (2) provide formal assessments and recommendations on suitability of individuals for occupational transfer or reassignment, special training or employment, and in-service commissioning; (3) administer psychological and general ability tests (CFAT) as required; and (4) personnel research assistance, prepare and review research proposals and administers various CF personnel attitudinal and attrition surveys, and questionnaires;

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Buying A House In Winnipeg

By MCpl Otterson, WTIS

BC has always been synonymous with “bring cash” until I entered the Winnipeg housing market in 2006. My husband and I followed the IRPP brief, contacted a Realtor in Winnipeg and began searching the Internet well in advance of our planned house-hunting trip (HHT). Talking with the realtor, I got our first shock of what was to come when informed a minimum deposit of \$10,000 with offers was expected and that bidding wars occurred on a regular basis.

We started our HHT arriving in Winnipeg on Saturday. We checked into our hotel and then rushed to the lobby to meet with the realtor to start viewing houses. He had viewings set-up and prospective open houses to take us to. He informed us as we drove to the first house that if we wanted to bid on any of the houses we would have to get the bid in by the deadline. “Bid deadline,” what was this lunatic talking about? We were buying a house, not entering into a corporate merger or something. Our understanding was that we looked at a house and put in an offer, possibly received a counter offer and go from there — wrong! Supply, demand and realtors had transformed a civilized process into a battle zone. In Winnipeg, the house was put on the market with set viewing dates and bid deadlines.

Location is one thing, but construction practices are another that we had planned for — or so we had thought until we viewed the first house. Nice looking, new hardwood floors, close to work, lower tax area, we believed this may not take long. Then the realtor and my husband both got a strange look on their faces. The centre of the house was three to four inches higher than the exterior of the house. Onto the next house, lesson learned. Winnipeg is a dried lakebed and the silt that houses are built on requires a special building technique where by the house is built on piles. “Piles,” this technique is used for skyscrapers or high-rises to support the weight of the building. Well, in Winnipeg it had been ad-

opted to prevent the house from settling and causing structural damage, but it was costly and was about \$7,500 over the sticker price.

Viewing six other older houses, we placed what we considered a reasonable bid on a prospective home and then returned to the hotel to await the results. “They countered with \$22,000 over asking, are these people out of their minds?” I asked the realtor the next morning as we started day two. Needless to say, we did not get the house we bid on. “What do you bid to actually secure a house?” we asked the realtor after viewing prospective houses and sitting down to write another offer. That would depend on if you really want the house and what you feel comfortable bidding over the asking. Forewarned, I set a limit of \$5000 and my husband laughed. Little did we know that this would come back to haunt us.

Four bids and three days later and we were no closer to closing a deal and the panic was setting in. The realtor realized the pressure of finding a house in a week and was trying everything to assist in the search. Some really good prospects were offered up, downfalls like \$5500 tax bills, not being able to actually view the house and I found myself pulling my hair out. We had viewed new homes while waiting to see if our offer would be accepted and, as our options diminished, asked if any were available. Yes, but only one lot left and the Architecture Design people would not let us build a cab-over but a two storey or bungalow was fine. More restraints, great! We viewed the lot, good location, 15-20 minutes to work; close to everything — okay let’s do this. What could go wrong?

We finally sat down with the Sales Rep in the design home and started the contract paperwork, the phone rings and the assistant down stairs takes the call. The excellent acoustic in the show home works to our favour as we listened to the ensuing conversation. “No, Sir, as I informed you two weeks ago we could not hold the lot for you. No, Sir, the

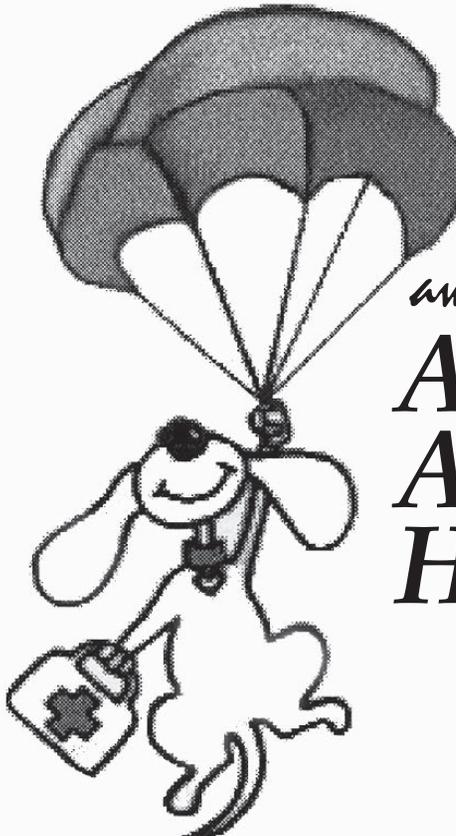
lot is being written on right now.” A different voice screams from the phone, “What the hell do you mean someone else is writing on the lot — you said you would hold it, that’s my lot I’ll be right there.” “I’m sorry, Sir, please write this number down,” more noise from the phone, “can you repeat the number please Sir, that is correct please dial the number and talk to the head office. Thank you and have a nice day.” Click.

I looked at my husband and shook my head. We finished writing on the house and received the proposed possession date, met with the banker at the hotel that evening to finalize the mortgage requirements and then tried to relax.

The next day we picked cabinets, colors, carpets and all the other house requirements and waited for the call to pick-up the finalized paperwork. The call never came. Doubts, are we doing the right thing, why didn’t they call, are we paying too much? We received the call at 9:30 pm to drop by and pickup the paperwork the next day.

The Sales Rep apologized for the phone call on our previous visit. Strange things had been happening with the market lately. We signed the final papers and the deal was complete, well almost! Remember I said; the Architecture Design people limited the design of the house we could build — this extended to the exterior color. It would appear that even though we had picked our colors first a house two down and to the left was built first with the exact same colors as we had chosen, imagine that? We have to change our color, shingles, stonework everything so that the two houses looked different. Great. Try doing that twice with limiting colors, bricks and shingles.

We finally took possession of our house, survived our first winter, and yes, 40 degrees below zero is cold. We look forward to spring with mud in the yard and two Labrador Retrievers to track it in until the grass is in.



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Chief Of Air Staff Recognizes Members Of 435 Squadron



LGen Steve Lucas with Sgt Andrew McLean, Sgt Darcy St-Laurent, and MCpl Brian Decaire, who received the CDS Commendation at 17 Wing on 24 April 07 for their role in a rescue at Leaf Rapids, MB, on 14 Dec 05.

By 2 Lt Angela Court

LGen Steve Lucas, Chief of the Air Staff and Commander of Air Command, recognized several members of 435 "Chinthe" Transport and Rescue Squadron during an awards ceremony at 17 Wing on 24 April 07.

During the ceremony, LGen Lucas presented Sgt Andrew McLean, Sgt Darcy St-Laurent, and MCpl Brian Decaire the

Chief of Defence Staff Commendations on behalf of General Rick Hillier, for their outstanding professionalism and leadership in the execution of a rescue on December 14, 2005, where the Search and Rescue Technicians parachuted into the remote village of Little Rapids, MB, to aid a critically injured victim.

"Thank you for your great work, on behalf of the CDS," said LGen Lucas, as he addressed the members to whom he had formally recognized.

LGen Lucas presented the Commander Air Command Commendation to Capt Kevin Tromp, Capt Josh Moffatt, Capt Terry Wheadon, WO Brian Peddle, and Sgt Steve Joyce for their roles in the same rescue for displaying professionalism, and exceeding the demands of normal duty to overcome equipment challenges and weather conditions in the successful conduct of their mission.

Other presentations at the ceremony included the South-west Asia Service Medal to Capt Kevin Kozak, and Sgt Kim Wallin; the General Campaign Star with International Security Assistance Force Bar to Capt Gerry Whyte, Capt Kevin Kozak, and Sgt Kim Wallin; the First Clasp to the Canadian Forces Decoration to Sgt Alice Whyte, Cpl Shirley Stirtz, Sgt Steve Joyce, and Sgt Pierre Thibault, and the Second Clasp to the Canadian Forces Decoration to Sgt Jim Gray.

Capt Isaac Goldberg and Sgt Shawn Harrison were promoted to their current ranks.

LGen Lucas concluded his presentations by acknowledging the other members of 435 Sqn and 17 Wing. "It takes a team – a Squadron, a Wing, to make things happen."

The mission of 435 "Chinthe" Transport and Rescue Squadron is to conduct air mobility and search and rescue operations. 435 Squadron tasks include airlift of freight and passengers, air-to-air refuelling of fighter aircraft in Canada and around the world and search and rescue operations within the Trenton Search and Rescue Region from the border with the United States to the geographic North Pole.

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

Honours & Awards



Capt VL Duggins receives her Canadian Decoration Medal from LCol Conway.



Cpl WP Franklin receives his Canadian Decoration Medal from LCol Conway.



Maxine Harten receives her certificate and award from LCol Conway in honour of 25 years dedicated service to the Government of Canada.



2Lt RL Young, CD, receives his Commissioning Scroll from LCol Conway.

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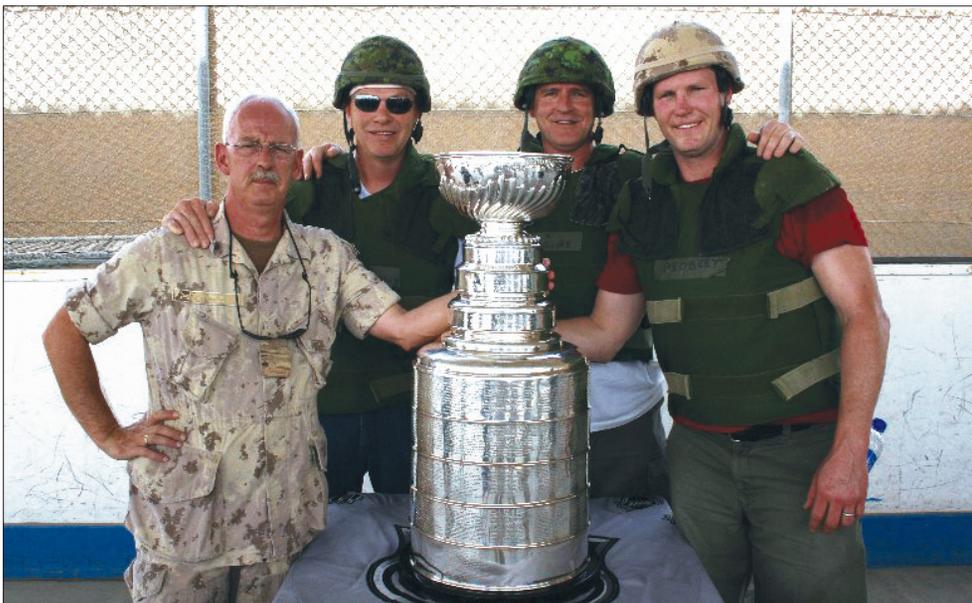


Photo by Carla Barth

(L-R) Pictured are Rick Phillips, Chris Merrithew, James Follette, Lori-Ann Mundt, Al Brazeau and Andy Oxley — well done! At a recent WAdminO Honours and Awards ceremony, members of the Wing PSP section were honoured for their 10 years of dedicated service to the Government of Canada. These individuals were part of the initial cadre when CFPSA stood up at 17 Wing.



The WCOMD Volleyball Tournament took place on 27 April, seven teams across the Base participated in the event they were Public Affairs, WADMIN, A4 Log, WTISS, Seven Dwarfs, Supply, and PSP. The Seven Dwarfs ended up defeating PSP in the final match to win the coveted prize. Thanks to everyone who participated.



Maj John Mahon with former NHLers Dave Hutchison (Toronto Maple Leafs, Chicago Black Hawks), Kevin Maguire (Toronto Maple Leafs) and Bob Probert (Detroit Red Wings, Chicago Black Hawks). Under the auspices of the NHL Alumni and the CDS, a group of 17 former NHL hockey players visited the deployed troops in Camp Mirage and Afghanistan from 1- 5 May 07. Maj Mahon, currently deployed as TSE COS, is the Wing Pers Svcs O.



CFB Winnipeg Golf Course

By Capt Mike Lillo

The CFB Winnipeg Golf Club is now open for the 2007 season. Membership applications are available at the Golf Course Clubhouse or registration may be completed at <http://www.mts.net/~8328436/>

Membership fees are as follows: Regular Membership \$270 / Season (must be a member of DND, Reserve Force or a Charter Member). Ordinary Membership \$295 / Season (Serving RCMP or DND Civilian, Retired Military / RCMP / DND Civilian)

Associate Membership \$320 / Season (Non-DND Civilian, Requires nomination by CFB Winnipeg Golf Club member in good standing and executive approval). The Spouse Membership for all categories

is \$145 / Season and all additional Family Members at \$100 / Season.

The cost for Green Fees is \$10 for 9 holes or \$15 for 18 holes (seniors and ages 12 and under: 9 holes - \$8/18 holes - \$12). A 10 Pack (9 holes) is available for \$85 and a 20 Pack (9 holes) is available for \$160. Club and cart rental is available at the clubhouse. The Pro shop and kitchen are open during most days and a light meal or refreshments are available. The Golf Club is open from about 6:00 am to 10:00 pm every day.

For more information or to book your Tee Times call 832-8436. Tournaments for Units or Sections may be booked through Ms Darlyne Fathers at 832- 8436 or local 6909.

See you on the Links

Moose Jersey Raffle



Photo by Avery Wolanuk

Cpl Jason Loboz of the Wing Firehall is the proud new owner of the special edition camo Moose jersey. The jersey was raffled off on 13 April 07 at Building 90 by Community Recreation. The fundraising draw, supporting Com Rec and the MFRC, raised more than \$400 through ticket sales. (L-R) Cpl Jason receives his prize in full Moose style from Lindsay Chmilnisky and Ann Gibson of Com Rec.

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Wintersail cadets (right) Cdt Alex Moon, Swift Current, and Cdt Evan Smart, Edmonton, practice "roll tacking."

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Exercise Winter Sail

By Lt(N) Sandra Olson

Eighteen sea cadets from across the Prairie Region traded in their parkas for wetsuits as they arrived in Albert Head, B.C. on Wednesday, 21 March 07 for a 10-day sailing clinic.

Exercise "Winter Sail" is an annual event providing advanced sail training/instruction to senior sea cadets who have shown the potential to progress through the Sea Cadet/Canadian Yachting Association Sail Instructor programme. Two types of clinics are offered, the advanced sail clinic and the green clinic. The advanced sail clinic offers advanced rigging instruction, advanced boat handling skills, racing skills and racing tactics. The green clinic is the first level of an instructor's certificate. Cadets learn how to be sail instructors, write lesson plans and are continually evaluated on their sailing skills. The opportunity is also available for cadets to coach their peers.

During the week of training, cadets participated in morning fitness, leadership and motivation workshops and the Small Craft Operator Program (SCOP) including a swim-

ming portion based on lifesaving principles. The atmosphere is relaxed and the cadets come well prepared for the long days and physical workout they receive on the Pacific. "The best part about sea cadets is the sailing - I would like to start working towards my Green level," says Sarah Swayze, 16, a cadet with 42 RCSCC Vindictive in Thunder Bay, ON.

There are three types of boats used at this year's clinic - the Byte, the Laser II and the 420. Group instruction is given on the rigging and de-rigging of the three types of racers along with individual instruction provided on the water. All of the cadets are experienced sailors in the 420; however, few have raced in the Byte or Laser II. "These cadets are committed to sailing. Every morning they get up to learn, try hard and are very motivated. Their skills have greatly improved over a short period of time," says Lt (N) Sandra McKay, Regional Cadet Training Officer (Sea).

The Regional Cadet Support Unit (Prairie) offers Winter Sail annually and the event is open to all sea cadets in Manitoba, NW Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Cadets must be motivated, have completed Sail Trade Group II training or Bronze Sail 4 and have the desire to be a sail instructor.

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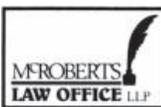
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17 Wing Members of 2007 Prairie Region Squash Team. Standing (L-R): Doug Chess, Joris Wood, Denis Gauthier



Front Row - kneeling (L-R): Scott Young, Don Brennan, Denis Gauthier
Back Row - standing (L-R): Doug Chess, Myk Gray, Remi Tremblay

17 Wing Squash News

By Maj Doug Chess

Two major events have occurred over the last month in the sport of Squash involving members of the 17 Wing Squash Team.

First, the 2007 CF National Squash Competition was held at CFB Esquimalt during the period of 14-20 April. Teams representing each of the five regions across Canada (Pacific, Prairie, Ontario, Quebec, Atlantic) travelled to the west coast to participate in a round-robin team competition, followed by a double-elimination singles tournament for players in any one of four categories (Under 30/Juniors, Open, Over 40/Masters and Ladies). Each team was comprised of seven members: one Junior, four Open, one Master and one Lady. Representatives from 17 Wing on the Prairie Region team included Capt Joris Wood (Open Seed 2), Maj Doug Chess (Open Seed 4) and Sgt Denis Gauthier (Masters). During the team round-robin competition, all members of Prairie Region Team played their corresponding seeds from each of the other regions, earning points for each game won, an additional two points for winning a match (best 3 of 5), and a team bonus of four points if your team won at least four of the seven matches played.

This year was the best finish in recent memory for the Prairie Region team, placing third behind the second place team from the Quebec Region and the first place team from the Atlantic Region. Fourth and fifth places went to the Pacific and Ontario Regions respectively. In the individual double-elimination round, Prairie Region team leader Capt Bill Hodson from Moose Jaw made it through to his first gold medal final and won top honours by defeating MCpl Steve Ally from the Atlantic Region 3-2 in a five-game match that lasted over 55 minutes.

Capt Patrick Gobeil (Open Seed 3 from 431 (AD) Squadron) made it to the Open Consolation final, but withdrew in the third game due to an injury. Major Chess of 17 Wing made it through to the final round in the Masters Consolation before losing to WO Bruce Barnes from the Quebec Region. CFB Esquimalt is to be congratulated for putting on a first-class competition. It was their first time hosting a CF National sports

event in over 10 years, and the high level of effort and dedication they put into hosting the event will certainly secure them a place hosting future tournaments.

The second major event was the Squash Manitoba sponsored Winnipeg Interclub League closing tournament, held at the Winnipeg Squash Racquet Club (WSRC) on 21 April. Throughout the year, commencing in October 2006, representatives of the 17 Wing "Team Thunder" Men's Squash Team participated in a double round-robin match play competition with five other teams from across the city and Portage la Prairie. Matches were held Wednesday evenings between teams comprised of six regular members playing in four different categories: 1 level B, 2 level C, 2 level D and one level E. Matches were played at various locations throughout the city, including the 17 Wing courts at Bldg 90, the WSRC facility on Stradbrook, and the University of Winnipeg courts at the Duckworth Centre. Teams earn points for each game won, with a single bonus point for winning the match (best 3 of 5).

At the conclusion of the regular season, the 17 Wing Team Thunder finished in first place with 203 points, earning a first-round bye in the closing tournament. During the final tournament on 21 April, the 17 Wing squad met their first opponent from Portage, and defeated them by a score of 20-4. In the final round, Team Thunder went up against a tough team from the University of Winnipeg (Team #1). It was truly a team victory, and Team Thunder fought hard to a well-deserved 16-11 victory to earn the title of Winnipeg Interclub Champion for 2007. The photograph shows members who played during the final tournament, but there were a number of additional team members who played throughout the entire season.

Congratulations and thanks to all Team Thunder members: Doug Chess (Team Captain), Don Brennan, Joris Wood, Myk Gray, Remi Tremblay, Denis Gauthier, Alex Lloyd, Mike Wolter, Scott Young and Bruce Gundling. We will be losing a couple of key players over the summer, and the team would like to send their best wishes to Joris Wood and Myk Gray. If you are interested in joining the team for next season, please contact Major Doug Chess, local 6754.



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Legion Of Honour

By OCdt Donna Riguidel

The young, robust soldiers standing on parade at Minto Armouries on April 10th are a sharp contrast to the men they are honouring. These veterans, some with obvious scars from the battles in Europe over 50 years ago, face these young men and women. Their eyes sparkling, they are experiencing, no doubt, a flood of memories.

The six honourees: Fred Marriott (Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders), William Bryan Lynch (18th Armoured Car Regiment), Albert E. Cook (Royal Winnipeg Rifles), Joseph Fedorak (Essex Scottish Regiment), Frank Forness (South Saskatchewan Regiment), and Harold Prout (Royal Winnipeg Rifles) were awarded the esteemed "Legion D'Honneur" by the President of France for fighting bravely in World War Two. Four of the men were in attendance; two were represented by proud daughters and assorted family and friends.

"You are heroes. You are liberators," said Daniel Jouanneau, Ambassador of France, adding that, "the sacrifice was immense."

It was a war fought by the best and the brightest, our young people. Pulled from their families and home, many of them had never even journeyed out of their rural tiny communities, to fight a war an ocean away. To win a war an ocean away.

"It is with a strong sense of humility I stand here," said Col Robert Poirier, 38 Canadian Brigade Group Commander. "The six of you here, or represented here, are the embodiment of what has been called the greatest generation. You gave your youth and your health to the great crusade to reclaim Europe from tyranny."

These men did not know they were heroes at the time. "It was hell, utter hell," said Fred Marriott, one of the honourees. "The war was hell."

These men fought in different units: The Royal Winnipeg Rifles, The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, The South Saskatchewan Regiment, Essex Scottish Regiment



His Excellency Daniel Jouanneau, Ambassador of France presents the "Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur" to Harold Prout.

Mr. Prout joined the Winnipeg Rifles on June 14, 1940, immediately after Canada declared war on Germany. He was among the very first to land on Juno Beach on June 6, 1944. He was a machine-gunner on a flame-thrower "Bren Carrier Wasp" light armoured vehicle, in charge of the protection of the crew. He was permanently on the front line, fighting the enemy. He participated in the liberation of Caen, in the battle of the Carpiquet Airport and in all the actions his unit was committed to in the battle of Normandy. Shortly before the end of the campaign, an 88 mm shell hit his vehicle and he was very seriously wounded.

and the 12th Manitoba Dragoons. Some were snipers, and some were machine gunners. They watched friends and fellow soldiers; their brothers in arms, fall in the bloody battles. Some were injured themselves. Injured but not beaten.

"This is the highest honour we have. It was created by Napoleon," explained Ambassador Jouanneau. "You defined Canada. You were so young and from so far away, it was extraordinary."

Some of the men didn't even know what they were getting into. "I remember Dad told Mom he was going on exercise. It turned out to be the raid on Dieppe," Karen Hainstock said about her father Joseph Fedorak. "He would be so proud today, if he was still with us. Tomorrow would be his birthday."

The men became the stuff of legend. Today they still carry themselves with pride, reminiscent of the young soldiers they once were. "You set a standard we work hard to emulate today. Thank you for your service," Col Poirier said.

WOSM Mixed Mess Dinner - Spousal Appreciation / Retirement Dinner

The Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess will host a Mixed Mess dinner to recognize the outstanding support our spouses throughout the year and to our retiring members. This function will be held at the Combine Mess on 6 June 07, with cocktails in the WOSM lower lounge 1900hrs for 1930hrs. Cost for members will be \$20 and \$25 for non-members and guests. Dress is appropriate civilian attire, military members is DEU No. 2 Mess Standard or DEU No. 2B Mess Service. 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 will be:

- Apple Dried Cherry & Walnut Salad w/ Maple Dressing
- Smoked Sausage & Bean Soup
- Stuffed Portabella Mushrooms
- Entree will be:
- Chicken Breast w/ Sun-Dried Tomato & Garlic Crust
- Potato & Parmesan Cake
- Roasted Mixed Vegetables
- Dessert is to be:
- Sweet Wine Zabaglione w Orange & Grapefruit
- Coffee & Tea
- Fresh Baked Multigrain Dinner Rolls w/ Butter,

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1800-1830	Swim Kids 7/8 1800-1845		
1830-1900			
1900-1930	Swim Kids 9/10 1845-1930		

Summer Registration will take place on Monday June 18th, 2007. To register you must hold a current recreation membership. Non-Members can register one week prior to start dates. To register, contact Dana Glover at 833-2500 ext. 2057 or Ann Gibson at 833-2500 ext.5976.

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1st John de Graff Scouting Group Manitoba Council 100 Achievement

In response to the CHALLENGE of celebrating Scouts Canada's 100th Anniversary, 72 members 1st John de Graff Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers are DOING OUR BEST to remember and thank 150 Canadian Forces Soldiers. These soldiers are in the 2nd Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment - Hotel Company stationed in Afghanistan. Each soldier was sent a care package of personal, meaningful, fun, and useful items. We went beyond our goal of 100 to ensure that every member of the Company would be included. In choosing this challenge, 1st John de Graff also showed support for our Venturer, Private Bryan Morrow in the Fort Garry Horse Combat Reserves.

Scouts Canada's Mission is to contribute to the education of young people, through a value system based on the Scout Promise and Law, to help build a better world where people are self-filled as individuals and play a constructive role in society. Today, more than 28 million youth and adults, boys and girls, take part in Scouting programs in 155 countries and territories worldwide. To BE PREPARED, we researched and SHARED information on our soldier's mission, who to send these packages to and what our soldiers would appreciate.

These care packages were put together with donations from our city, our community, our parents, our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Leaders and Advisors. Our members drew pictures, printed jokes and inspirational verses, and wrote letters to add a personal touch. In addition, Scouts Canada Thank You Veteran crests donated by Manitoba Council were included. To achieve our CHALLENGE, we donated our dues to purchase crossword, word search and sudoku puzzle books for our care packages. Gently used magazines and books were collected from families, friends and our local library. We received donations of treats from Winnipeg's Cavalier Foods Ltd and the Nutty Club to whom we sent grateful letters of appreciation. Some of our youth donated treats as well. Our Federal government contributed Canadian pins, flags, pens, bookmarks and temporary maple leaf tattoos. Grey Goose Bus Lines supplied the envelopes to package our items.

We gathered on April 7 to package our items. Quite a fleury of activity unfolded as we sorted and packed a small mountain of care. It was so rewarding to see our finished packages aligned on the floor of our Scout Shack.

We hope that our soldiers know that they are in our thoughts, hearts and our prayers. We are proud of our heroes and wish them well in their mission. We pray that they will come home safely.

Regards,
Cindy Bell

Venturers Advisor, 1st John de Graff Scouting Group.

Employment Opportunity Winnipeg Military Family Resource Centre

The Winnipeg Military Family Resource Centre is accepting applications for a full time Deployment Coordinator. Reporting to the Executive Director, this position is responsible to provide resources and support to meet military families needs as a result of military operational separations. As an applicant you have previous experience and thorough understanding of military operations and deployments as well as a diploma/degree in related human services field or equivalent combination of education and experience. A complete job description and list of qualifications are available at the Winnipeg Military Family Resource Centre 102 Comet Street.

Application deadline is 25 May 2007.
No phone calls please. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Calling All Teen Babysitters We Need You!

Parents at 17 Wing are searching for babysitters to provide care to their children while they are out. If your teen has completed a babysitting course and would like to be added to the MFRC Babysitters list, please drop into the MFRC at 102 Comet St. to fill out the required forms. Parents of teen sitters can rest assured that the MFRC teen babysitting list is not for general distribution or posting. Parents seeking sitters must sign a waiver form, and the actual listing gives only the name of sitter, phone number and generalized home address (i.e. North side). This is a great way to make some money and contribute to your community! For more information call the MFRC at ext. 4500.



Childcare Providers Wanted

The Winnipeg MFRC is looking for community members who operate a family home daycare or casual child care services. We would like to add you to our "Community Child Care Providers" listings. All we need is an 8½" x 11" advertisement describing your service - be sure to include hours of operation, location, snacks etc. Highlight any special services. Military Families are looking for flexible care with extended/hours to accommodate early timings and operational commitments. Overnight and emergency childcare offers a great resource to parents who manage the challenge of deployment in their job. Many families are looking for care and our childcare resource listings are in high demand.



Please drop-off your information at 102 Comet St., or fax to 489-8587.

Child Care Resources @ the MFRC

The MFRC compiles and updates a variety of childcare resource listings, which are available by stopping by the MFRC during regular working hours.

Listings include:

- Community child care listings;
- MFRC Casual Child Care schedule;
- The MFRC Childcare Centre;
- Long-term child care services;
- Extended hour child care resources;
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- The Teen Babysitters List.



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Other Numbers

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

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

Baptisms

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

Weddings -Marriages

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

Catholic Women's League

Meets in the Chapel Annex the third Monday of each month at 1830hrs.

Protestant

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Padre Bruce MacKenzie
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Office 833-2500 ext 5417

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Sunday School

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

Marriages

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

Baptisms

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

Protestant Chapel Guild

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

Food Bank

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

Emergency Chaplain

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

Other Phone Numbers:

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

Interfaith Prayer Room

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

Recruiting Team For Joint Task Force 2 To Visit 17 Wing

The Joint Task Force 2 recruiting team will be visiting 17 Wing May 23rd at 9:30 a.m. in the Training & Education Centre, Bldg 135, Room 111, as part of their annual recruiting drive. Recruiters are looking for Canadian Forces personnel interested in joining the Unit whether as a special operations assaulter or as a supporter.

As a member of Joint Task Force 2 (JTF2) you are part of the special operations community, trained to respond at a moment's notice to conduct missions at home and abroad. You are part of the federal government's counter-terrorist and hostage rescue operations, responding to potential national security threats. You conduct continuous, intensive training, maintain a high level of operational readiness and are able to deploy anywhere in the world on short notice to accomplish missions and tasks. As a member of JTF2 you are highly motivated, physically fit, team orientated and looking for a challenge. If you are ready for the challenge of membership of JTF2, recruiters will be available to answer questions and provide information during their annual base visits.

JTF2, part of the Canadian Forces (CF) Canadian Special Operations Force Command (CANSOFCOM), is responsible for counter-terrorist and special operations, and any other task in response to a potential national security threat. The unit's role demands continuous, intensive training, a high level of operational readiness and the ability to deploy anywhere in the world on short notice to accomplish missions and tasks. Members of JTF2 learn and hone their skills relative to specialized tactics, weapons, explosives and equipment. JTF2 conducts realistic training, ready to respond against real threats that exist in the currently unstable geo-political environment of today.

Each year JTF2 recruits those members of the CF who are mature, responsible, dedicated, and physically and mentally fit. Recruits need to be dedicated military professionals of high integrity who are ready to push themselves to the limit.

Two Categories One Unit

JTF2 is comprised of two categories of personnel: A and B.

Category A, Special Operations Assaulters are directly employable in the tactical aspects of a unit mission.

Category B, comprises Special Operations Coxswains, specialists and support personnel who provide combat support to operations and perform support service functions.

How to apply

Members from the Regular Force with a minimum of two



years of service, and members of the Reserve Force with three years of service and are fully MOC qualified can apply through their chain of command, by completing the application form for JTF2 service. Applicants for JTF2 must successfully complete the physical fitness test for their category of employment at the unit.

Every member of the CF has a right to apply for service with JTF2 provided

they meet the minimum eligibility criteria.

Applicants for category A positions are screened, interviewed and tested for cognitive ability at their base personnel selection office. Suitable candidates for this category are invited to attend a seven-day selection process (ten for officers) at the unit. A pre-selection training program is available at any base PSP office. Applicants are strongly encouraged to prepare for the process using this package. Category B Special Operation Coxswains applicants are also invited to undergo a selection process.

Specialists and support personnel applicants in Category B are selected based on their trade skills, job performance, qualification and personal profile. Suitable candidates are invited to the unit for an employment interview, as well as a psychological evaluation.

Base briefings

JTF2 recruiting staff will be conducting information briefings at 17 Wing and across Canada. All interested members of the CF and their spouses are invited to attend the JTF2 information briefings. For security reasons, CF members will be required to show their CF identification cards at the door.

For more information on JTF2 and this year's recruiting campaign check out the JTF2 website at;

(Internet) http://www.cansofcom.forces.gc.ca/en/recruiting_e.asp or

(DND Intranet). http://www.cansofcom-comfoscan.mil.ca/en/recruiting_e.asp

CF members may also call the JTF2 information line at 1-800-959-9188. During base visits JTF2 recruiting staff can be contacted by pager 1-888-501-8276.

For further information on the recruiting campaign please reference the JTF2 recruiting CANFORGEN promulgated early in 2007.

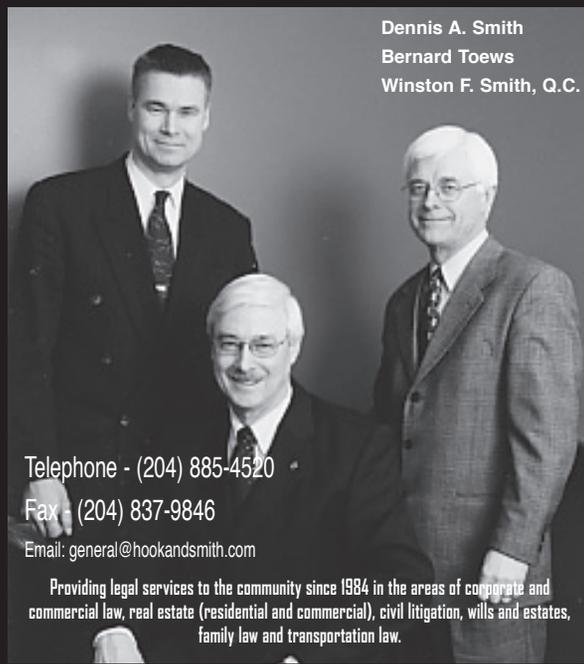
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Aries (March 21 - April 19): Check and prepare for all eventualities before you relax. If you expect the unexpected and plan accordingly you won't have any unpleasant surprises. If you fix something with a "little white lie," you may find it takes on a life of its own so consider honesty the best policy for now.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20): Fix up your resumé in case you need to market yourself. Also, you can request a raise with more confidence if you know what you're worth. Create a list of your assets and achievements. Determine your strengths and see if there are gaps where you should hone your skills.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21): Work at promoting your creative ideas. You have lots of imagination so set up a logical process and schedule for achieving goals. Don't give in to your fears or fritter your time away. Opportunities for change, or minor changes that create opportunities, are indicated.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Though you are essentially fair and balanced there are sacrifices that are made when you don't take a stand. Start seeing things from your own point of view instead of constantly considering others. Reevaluate relationships and the way you communicate to get back what you gave up.

Leo (July 23 - August 22): People pick up a sense of strength and certainty about you. Enjoy the attention this brings but be careful to use your intellect to maintain a clear vision for the future. You are feeling full of potential and you exude happiness. This attitude can take you far because your enthusiasm is catchy.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Things are falling into place. Finally you'll feel like the uphill battles are over. Get your chores out of the way so that when events speed up in the very near future you are ready to ride the wave of fun that follows. Even though things are great - stay grounded and be realistic.

Libra (September 23 - October 23): Your convictions will be tested. You can't afford to give in to apathy or depression. Force yourself to act. Stand up for yourself. Stand your ground. If you follow good habits and set a good example you'll get through this. Take heart; you are not alone, you have unseen support.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 21): You might regret a spontaneous response to unexpected news if it is over the top angry. Instead ask questions and ascertain the validity of the information before responding to it for it could be a ploy that someone is using to try to get you agitated. Watch out for dramatic types.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Though you may feel lonely, you also know you need your own space. When you are comfortable it is easier to speak your mind so initiate in-depth discussions when you're on home turf. Note: other people's opinions have greater influence on your actions just now.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19): Trust your gut when initiating changes. You're motivated, inspired and seem to sense where opportunities will be. If you have the urge to pursue a new line of learning to take advantage of this, you will be taking up something that you are naturally gifted at.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18): Unexpected developments bring joy. When someone cares about you it allows you to consider a new path or possibilities that you had almost given up on. You could meet your soul mate, realize your soul's purpose or find a way to realize your dreams or vision for the future.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20): Immerse yourself in work. No more excuses. Have the courage to draw attention to yourself. Decide what you want then act on this. Use your intuition to navigate emotional relationships. You'll get messages that guide you so just keep going; you're headed in the right direction.

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