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Happy Canada Day!



17 Wing is looking forward this Canada Day. Provincial restrictions are about to start lifting as the number of vaccinated steadily rises. Here's hoping you take the time to reflect on what being a Canadian means and why it might mean different things to different Canadians, especially this year as we face some troubling things about our past. Please take a minute to read the Chaplain General's statement on page 15.

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CAF Medical Personnel assisting the Province



A CAF Lab Technician trains to help with COVID-19 Tests at hospitals. Photo by Second Lieutenant / Sous-lieutenant Miguel Moldez, Public Affairs Officer, 38e Groupe-brigade du Canada/ Joint Task Force West

Martin Zeilig

According to Major Ian Van Dyke, Commander of Task Force Bison -- which is part of the CAF's overall response to the COVID-19 pandemic (Op LASER)— his personnel couldn't wait to begin work once they had arrived in Winnipeg.

"They just wanted to get into these facilities when they landed here," he said during a telephone interview with The Voxair on June 12.

"We're here in response to a call for assistance from the Province of Manitoba to relieve the pressure on their health care system during this resurgence the COVID-19 pandemic."

On Monday, May 24, "the federal government announced it would be providing support to the province to help with its fight against COVID-19. This support includes federal health, medical staff through the Red Cross, support from the CAF, as well as epidemiologists, public health capacity, laboratory technicians, and increased testing capacity," noted an article on the CTV website (CAF working with Manitoba to determine COVID-19 support needs May 25, 2021).

The first group of CAF personnel arrived on May 26, "and over the next three days various medical members came from all over the country to Winnipeg," Maj Van Dyke

said.

"The request for assistance was originally for four weeks. But, it's not a hard and fast deadline. It depends on what the situation is here on the ground.

"Right now in Winnipeg we have approximately 48 people on the ground. Primarily they're HSS staff, medical personnel, some health care administrators, and nursing officers. We have one doctor and a number of Med Techs. They're the ones providing that relief."

There's also non-medical personnel staff, which includes Maj Van Dyke, he added. "We're responsible to make sure they have all the resources required and are taken care of so they can take care of Manitobans," he said.

There are three areas that the CAF members are focusing on: The first one is on the provision of three lab techs to two labs around Winnipeg.

"They are assisting in the processing of COVID tests," Maj Van Dyke who's regular job is being the Battery Commander with 1 RCHA at CFB Shilo, said.

"They don't take the tests but they process the samples afterwards. They're doing great work there."

The second area of focus is in the alternative isolation accommodations.

"We're supporting two of those sites presently," Maj Van Dyke explained.

"We have a mix of medical technicians and nurses in those areas. They're helping with things like wellness checks and vital checks and intakes and other medical tasks."

The third focal point is aero-medical evacuation.

"If there are patients in the ICU who are required to be transported out of the province, and the province isn't able to provide the capacity on their own, we have the capacity to assist in moving patients out of the province," Maj Van Dyke said.

A CC-130J Hercules with a specially-designed isolation unit that fits inside the plane to transfer COVID-19 patients is being used.

"The very few times we've been out in Winnipeg going on necessary supply runs, we've been thanked by the people of Winnipeg a number of times," Maj Van Dyke said.

"Our medics wear the Red Cross on their uniforms to indicate they are medical staff, and there's been a number of times where people have come up to us in parking lots or grocery stores saying 'Thank you for being here to help.'"

He also noted that 17 Wing has been very accommodating to the medical personnel.

"They've done their best to accommodate our requests," he emphasized.

"We're very thankful. I want to thank all the personnel on base for how they've been accommodating us. Our civilian partners, as well, have welcomed us into their facilities."

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From the Beaufort Sea to the Eastern Atlantic: NORAD EX AMALGAM DART Provides Valuable Training in the Arctic

WINNIPEG, Man. – Exercise AMALGAM DART, which ran from June 10 to 18, 2021, was an air defence exercise that included participation from all three NORAD Regions, and featured a variety of military aircraft from the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) and United States Air Force (USAF), along with support from the South Dakota and Colorado Air National Guards and South Carolina and Florida Army National Guards.

Operating out of northern locations in Alaska and from the Beaufort Sea to the Northern Atlantic including Inuvik, Northwest Territories, Yellowknife, N.W.T, 4 Wing Cold Lake, Alberta, 5 Wing Goose Bay, Newfoundland and Labrador, Iqaluit and Canadian Forces Station Nunavut and Thule Air Base, Greenland. AMALGAM DART was designed to exercise NORAD's multi-domain rapid response capabilities used in the defence of North America, while also challenging members to provide logistical support for Arctic operations.

The Arctic remains a strategically important region for continental defence. The northern approaches to North America are a potential avenue of attack for a strike on Canadian and US critical infrastructure. Arctic exercises like AMALGAM DART help enhance and sustain the expertise of NORAD personnel in support of a mission in demanding operating environments, while working alongside partners and allies in defence of Canada and the United States

“With unique Arctic airpower capabilities, whether it's disaster relief, search and rescue, or ensuring our National sovereignties, our Canadian and U.S. forces, along with our mission partners in High North communities, stand ready to secure North American sovereignty, anytime, anywhere,” said Brigadier-General Edward Vaughan, Deputy Commander, Canadian NORAD Region.

In addition to fighter aircraft, Exercise AMALGAM DART included Search and Rescue aircraft, radar operators, air-to-air refueler support, tactical airlift, Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) aircraft, and a fully independent short-range air defence capability. Participants included members of the Royal Canadian Air Force, along with U.S. Air Force, and National Guards that came together to contribute to its success.

Exercise AMALGAM DART also saw the inclusion of the 263rd Army Air and Missile Defense Command (AAMDC) from the South Carolina Army National Guard, and the 265th Combat Communications Squadron of the Maine Air National Guard. Using their ground based Sentinel Radar Systems, and LINK 16 tactical data link they were able to provide valuable contributions

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to the combined common operating picture (COP), creating an effective and integrated short-range ground based air defence (GBAD) capability

“The team has again delivered an outstanding effort, demonstrating our ability to quickly respond to complex, dynamic situations with great success. The addition of the 263rd Army Air and Missile Defense Command and 265th Combat Communications Squadron as part of Exercise AMALGAM DART provided excellent training, en-



Royal Canadian Air Force CF18 Hornet fighter jets participate in a Northern air defence mission during Exercise AMALGAM DART 21-1, June 14, 2021 (Photo: Master Corporal / Caporal-chef Arthur Ark)

Demonstrating our binational partnership, and constant readiness through exercises like AMALGAM DART, provides a strong deterrence, backed by an agile and credible capability to counter those who might seek to threaten North America. NORAD remains prepared to defend, detect and defeat threats that can reach North America through the Arctic.



An LC-130 Skibird assigned to the 109th Airlift Wing operates at Raven Camp on the Greenland Icecap. Raven Camp is used to train members on landing on ice runways, polar airdrops and operating in the snow and ice conditions. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Maj. David Price)

hancing our binational effectiveness and capability to respond in a multi-domain environment,” said Major-General Eric Kenny, Commander, Canadian NORAD Region. Operating from remote locations like Inuvik, Northwest Territories, and Thule, Greenland, members of the RCAF and the USAF, conducted air defence missions designed to test responses, systems and equipment in austere environments. To ensure the safety of members the exercise was supported by search and rescue capabilities, including CH-149 Cormorant helicopters operating out of Canadian Forces Station Alert, Nunavut, and CC-130 Hercules aircraft and CH-146 Griffon helicopters on standby in Iqaluit, Nunavut.



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17 OSS Imaging Flight Embracing Technological Changes in Support of Changing Communication Demands



Imagery Technician Sailor Third Class Megan Sterritt operates a multi camera live stream broadcast during the 2 Canadian Air Division DCWO Change of Appointment Ceremony on June 4 2021 at 17 Wing Winnipeg, Manitoba. Please Credit: Cpl Eric Greico, Canadian Armed Forces Photo

Gloria Kelly

“We’ve gone from can you do this to what can’t we do,” is how Sgt Devin Vandesype, IC Image Flight, 17 Wing Operations Support Squadron describes the evolution of the work his section has done over the past 16 months. “COVID -19 and the pandemic restrictions created a major shift in the demands for imagery support,” said Sgt Vandesype. “All of a sudden we were being asked to support all kinds of virtual events and we needed to quickly learn and understand the various online platforms to meet the needs of Command Teams around the Wing.”

There was, and continues to be, a need for members of the military family and indeed the community at large to see or be aware of significant historical events. Live streaming and social media have become that connection. Members of the Imaging Flight team at 17 Wing set about researching the best means to provide the support being requested and took note of the equipment required to make things happen in real time.

“From our research we knew we didn’t have in place everything we needed to provide a high quality professional product,” he said. “We looked at what we had and when we sorted out what we needed to build an integrated system we knew we could justify its acquisition.”

That multi-cam switchboard with all the associated cabling was the key and has allowed the imaging team to be more efficient in its operations as well. “We can operate up to eight cameras with less than half as many techs that is would normally take. We now also have wireless capabilities that will support a two roving cameras and that is a major plus in creating a dynamic video production.”

“Creating the video for streaming was only half the battle, getting the vid-

eo out to the world was the other half.” This could not have been done without the incredible support from 17 OSS CIS Flight. They provided the necessary equipment needed to connect us to the world. “It was a team effort.” With the enhanced system the team has live streamed multiple Division, Wing and Unit Change of Command or Appointments, the 402 Squadron graduation, and connected with CTV for the 435 Squadron 60th anniversary of the Hercules among its range of activities. “This has allowed Canadians from coast to coast the ability to see these historical events,” he said.

An additional benefit from the work the flight has undertaken is the enhanced awareness that has grown about Imaging flights capabilities and its importance to the organization as a whole, said Sgt Vandesype. “We are helping to provide a vital link to our communities – both internal and external.”

The innovative work the 17 OSS Imaging Flight has done has not gone unnoticed across the CAF. “Other imaging sections has been calling us and asking how we made this happen. It was not a directive nationally. Our team built this because there was a need locally and we responded to that need.”

For their work in researching, building and developing the capabilities Cpl Bryce Cooper and Cpl Tanner Musseau-Seward with the 17 OSS Imaging Flight both received Wing Commander Commendations.

“Researching and creating this system has benefited our team members as well as the organization,” said Sgt Vandesype. “They will take the skills they learnt here by researching and developing a capability from the ground up with them as they move to various postings. Their ability to go from at times using their own personal equipment to helping build and operate a quality high tech system shows the versatility image techs bring to any organization.”



Imagery Technician Sailor Third Class Megan Sterritt operates a multi camera live stream broadcast during the 2 Canadian Air Division DCWO Change of Appointment Ceremony on June 4 2021 at 17 Wing Winnipeg, Manitoba. Please Credit: Cpl Eric Greico, Canadian Armed Forces Photo

Brig Gen Vaughn says True Highlight of Job was Assisting Canadian Citizens

Martin Zeilig

When he's asked what moments have stood out about his time at 1 Canadian Air Division, Brigadier General Edward L. "Hertz" Vaughan responds without hesitation.

"Every day here has been a highlight," he said during a telephone interview on June 28.

Brig Gen Vaughn is the Senior U.S. military officer in Canada and serves as Deputy Commander, Canadian North American Aerospace Defense Region, and Deputy Joint Force Air Component Commander for 1 Canadian Air Division.

He is in command of coalition forces assigned to Canadian North American Aerospace Defense Command Region in the Canadian commander's absence.

Brig Gen Vaughn, a native of Tampa, Florida, arrived here in August 2019. His posting here ends this July. Brigadier General Derek O'Malley will be his replacement at 1 CAD.

Brig Gen Vaughn is a combat fighter pilot and polar airlifter, notes his official bio.

Following Air Force ROTC, he was commissioned as top graduate from Air National Guard officer training. He held leadership roles at the squadron, group, wing and air division levels. He planned/executed global operations for Defense Support to Civilian Authorities, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.

His staff work included the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Indo-Pacific Command, Headquarters Air Force and the National Guard Bureau. Brig Gen Vaughn has experienced leading change in cross-cultural, multilingual environments, including regional competencies in Latin America, Southeast Asia and Africa.

Prior to his job at 1CAD, Brig Gen Vaughn served as Air Force Deputy Director of Training and Readiness, where he launched the Air Force Physiological Episodes Action Team and deployed as special Air Advisor to the Puerto Rico Adjutant General. As a drill status member of the ANG, he had a decade of private sector experience in engineering, manufacturing, cross-cultural negotiation and marketing.

His contingency experience includes operations Iraqi Freedom, Tomodachi, Southern Watch, Noble Eagle, Coronet Oak, Enduring Freedom, Uphold Democracy, Katrina, Deep Freeze and Maria Relief Puerto Rico.

As a pilot and former navigator, Brig Gen Vaughn has flown more than 2,700 hours, including more than 200 combat hours in such military aircraft as the A-10, F-16, C-130, WC-130, LC-130, AT-38, T-38, T-37, T-43 and T-3A.

He has also been awarded the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster; Defense Meritorious Service Medal Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters; Air Medal Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters; Joint Service Commendation Medal Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster; Antarctica Service Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal with bronze service star; Humanitarian Service Medal with bronze service star.

Some of his other achievements include, the 2007 Chief of Staff of the Air Force Individual Safety Trophy (U.S. Air Force level); 2008 Inductee to the Air Force Safety Hall of Fame (U.S. Air Force level); 2011 Co-inventor, "U.S. Air Force method/apparatus for mitigating aircrew fatigue", Patent #US20110071873A1; 2012 Executive Producer, "Welcome to 2035... Age of Surprise," U.S. Air Force Innovation Video.

Brig Gen Vaughn was put to work, in his words, "right upon arrival here", two years ago.

"The RCAF was very busy doing domestic operations," he said.

"In particular, there's a standing operation in Canada, Operation LENTUS."

Op LENTUS is DND's support of local communities when they might have a disaster or an emergency or some crisis.

"That has to be requested through the prov-



Brig Gen Vaughn poses with members of Det 1, 1 AF, in Winnipeg. Photo submitted.

inces or territory," Brig Gen Vaughn said.

"But, once requested the CAF, and in my case the Air component of that, move in and work very hard to support the local communities.

"Those were the first missions I really got involved with upon my arrival. There's a range of those. There are some areas that tend to flood every year more than others. When requested by local communities, we go in to help. That's truly some of the highest level work we do is helping our fellow Canadians."

He also mentioned the help provided by CAF personnel in fighting forest fires in various parts of the country.

"With COVID, there was a daily opportunity to provide assistance when requested, and we've done that," added Brig Gen Vaughn, who graduated in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, and also has a Master's in Strategic Studies, from the Air War College, Maxwell AFB in 2009, among other formal educational training.

"The last two years have been really fantastic. Canada is a globally engaged nation. We have military operations all over the world. We do fantastic support for the United Nations, for NATO, for our allies and partners in other regions. "But, for me the true highlight is when we get to take all that excellent airpower and logistics and other work and put it to help our fellow citizens here in Canada."

He observed that sometimes people have concerns with the military assignment system.

"In my case, it's working for the greater good (of the country)," Brig Gen Vaughn, who's married and has a 12-year-old daughter, said.

He's now moving on to the J5 United States European Command based in Dusseldorf, Germany.

"It's the organization involved with strategic partnerships, building partner capacity with our allies and partners, as well as theatre security cooperation," he explained.



Brig Gen Vaughn at Inuvik, NWT. Photo submitted.



Colonel Dave Proteau, 17 Wing Commander, (L) and Wing Chief Warrant Officer Faucher (R) present a 2 Canadian Air Division Commander's Commendation to Major Kevin Olive, 17 Wing Chaplain on June 29, 2021, in the atrium of 17 Wing Headquarters. Photo submitted.



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After 35 years with the CAF, the RCAF, and Personnel Support Services, I have decided to retire. 17 Wing will always hold a special place in my heart, having spent over 17 years of that 35 year career on the Wing. I spent 6 years in 16 Hangar in what was called Base Photo at that time, 6 years in Wing HQ as the 17 Wing Photojournalist, and the last 5 and half years as the manager of The Voxair.

During that time, in fact 20 years ago to the day this will be published, I got married at the Junior Ranks Mess to my best friend, spent New Years Eve 1999 at Wing Operations wondering what was about to happen, and watched in horror in Wing Operations in September 2001 when the world changed.

Throughout, there has been one constant. The people of the RCAF are the always the most professional, caring, and loyal Canadians ever produced. I was proud to be one and later to serve in a support role to you all.

If the next manager of the Voxair enjoys their job half as much as I did, they will be a very happy person indeed.

Bill McLeod
Manager
The Voxair



RCAF Barker College Welcomes New Cmdt



LCol Ryan Kastrukoff, incoming Cmdt.



LCol Scott Ash, outgoing Cmdt.

Martin Zeilig

Reflecting on his role as Commandant of Barker College over the past two years, Lieutenant-Colonel Scott Ash, acknowledges that what stood out for him was "the spirit" of those people under his command.

"They tackled challenges as they came at us in a collaborative and team manner to push forward and continue to deliver world class quality training and education to the war fighters in the RCAF," he said.

"That showed real spirit."

LCol Ash relinquished command of Barker College to LCol Ryan Kastrukoff in a brief and small Change of Command ceremony at the Officer's Mess on June 30. The CoC was streamed live on YouTube.

LCol Ash has assumed the role of Chief of Staff at 2 Canadian Air Division. He was promoted to the rank of Colonel by Brigadier General O'Reilly, Commandant of 2 CAD, following the CoC.

LCol Ash and LCol Kastrukoff were interviewed via telephone by The Voxair on June 29.

LCol Ash noted that because of the health and safety restrictions instituted during the COVID-19 pandemic most of the training at Barker College was "virtualized."

"This allowed us to continue to train our operational Air Force in Canada," he said. He also pointed to the Air Operations Officer course, which was created from scratch.

"It was a new mandate given to us by 2 CAD," LCol Ash, who's been in the CAF for 24 years now, said.

"We dived into that, and utilized outside the box thinking to use contractors and matrix support to develop a very comprehensive course, ab-initio training, that will facilitate the creation of a new type of officer in the RCAF. I'm very excited that Barker College is participating in that."

He also noted that Barker College is unique in the fact that every Captain being promoted to Major in the RCAF needs to come through Barker College for the Air Force Officer Development Program.

"It's our touch point to allow us to make sure that we're building and growing the right type of leaders for the RCAF," LCol Ash, a native of Brandon, Manitoba, said. "We take that responsibility very seriously. We're taking every effort to address climate and culture within that venue."

Canadians should be proud of the effort

put forward by people at Barker College during this pandemic, he stressed.

"Just like everybody else, they experienced challenges in their own personal life, whether that was teaching their children at home or not being able to visit loved ones, or potentially mourning the loss of their loved ones elsewhere in Canada because they couldn't travel there.

"So, they're here on duty in Winnipeg doing the work we require them to do for the defence of Canada. Those individuals persevered through their own individual struggles and continued to contribute and making sure that we are delivering that education to the RCAF war fighters so that we can keep contributing to the defence of Canada. I'm very proud of their efforts. I encourage Canadians to be (feel pride for that) too."

He also called LCol Kastrukoff an officer of great character and integrity.

"I think he's going to be a fantastic addition to the leadership of 17 Wing and Barker College," LCol Ash emphasized.

LCol Kastrukoff, who's just completed a staff tour at 1 Canadian Air Division, is a former CF-18 Hornet pilot and an instructor on the Hawk.

"I really appreciate all the LCol Ash has done at Barker College and especially the challenges during the COVID pandemic," said the native of Vancouver, B.C., who's been in the CAF for the past 17 years.

"All of their training continued. So, I'm inheriting an excellent team that's heading in the direction I think it should go. So, no real changes required. I'll just be extending the changes that have already been done.

"There's a large sphere of influence in Barker College to teach and engage with most of the officer corps in the RCAF. This provides Barker College a platform to facilitate and further the cultural evolution (in the RCAF). That's really going to be the key that I'm going to be working on to move forward. People are the key.

"We all come to the table with different experiences. The experiences I had at 1CAD have all built up to this new position. It's a great place for me to be personally and professionally.

"The diversity of experience that already exists in Barker College is at that nexus point. We have the right people at the right places to have the right conversations to make the right things happen to move forward. There's a really good team here."

“Birthplace of the Air Force in Manitoba”

RCAF and Yacht Club Commemorate 1921 Opening of Victoria Beach Air Station



Curtiss HS-2L at Victoria Beach, 28 June 1921

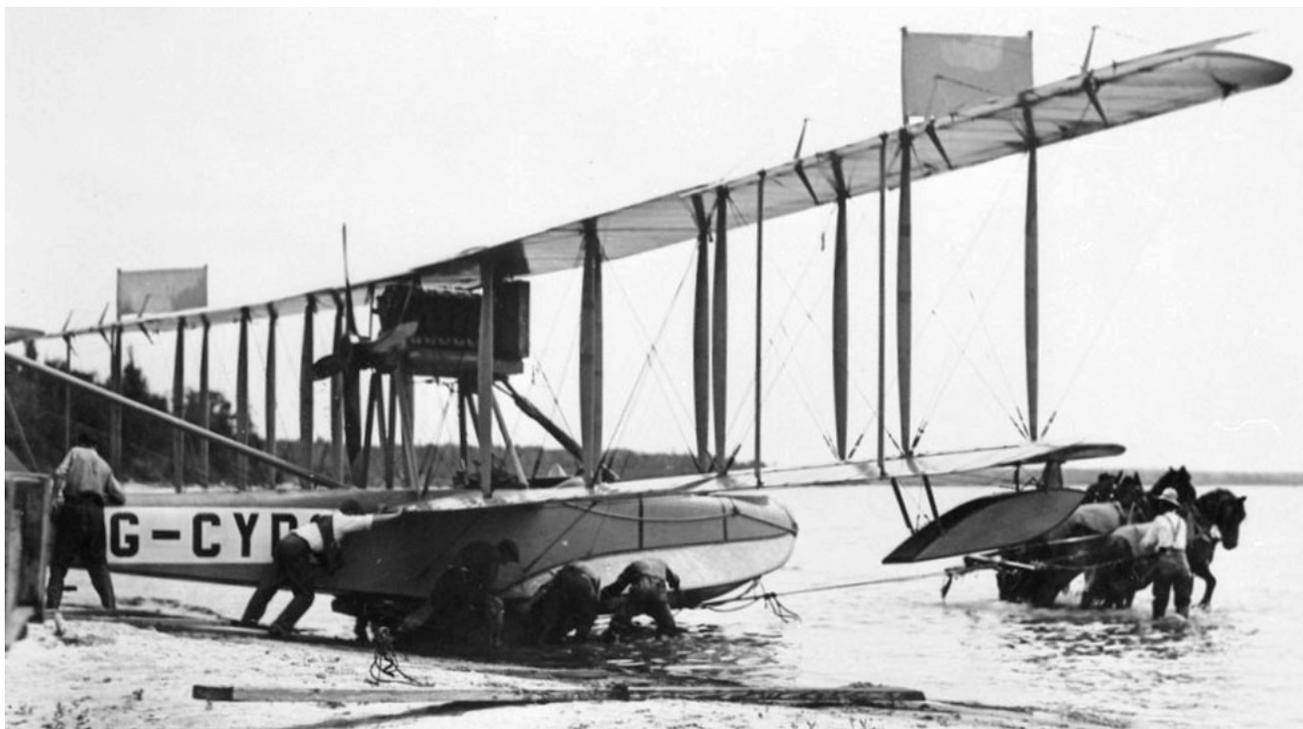
Hedley Auld

To commemorate the centennial of the Victoria Beach Air Station, which opened July 1, 1921, 17 Wing Winnipeg of the Royal Canadian Air Force is presenting the Victoria Beach Yacht Club with an RCAF ensign. The Yacht Club will fly the ensign from its flagstaff throughout the 2021 sailing season.

The RCAF ensign will be hoisted for the first time in an unveiling ceremony at the sailing compound on Yacht Club Beach at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 3. Present will be VBYC Commodore Brad Scott with executive members and the Commander of 17 Wing Winnipeg,

Colonel J.G.D. (Dave) Proteau, a 34-year veteran of the RCAF, who spends summers with his family at Victoria Beach. While members of the Yacht Club and public may attend, please adhere to public health orders and guidelines.

The Victoria Beach Air Station, which operated from 1921 to 1926, was a government “air harbour” established on the land and adjacent shoreline now occupied by the Victoria Beach Community Club’s sports field and Yacht Club. Immediately north-east of the sports field is an interpretive panel, erected in 2019 to mark the Centennial of the Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach, with archival photographs of the Air Station during its later



Launching of Curtiss HS-2L of Canadian Air Board at Victoria Beach Air Station: July 1, 1921

years. The Air Station’s canvas hangars once stood on the present-day baseball diamond.

This government Air Station was established in the spring and early summer of 1921 by the Flying Operations branch of the Air Board of Canada, and was the first in Manitoba and one of the first six in Canada. Others were at: Dartmouth (Halifax), Nova Scotia; Roberval, on Lac St Jean, Quebec; Rockcliffe (Ottawa), Ontario; High River, Alberta; and Jericho Beach (Vancouver), B.C.

The aircraft operated from these Air Board Air Stations (except for High River) were “flying boats”: fixed-wing airplanes with a strengthened fuselage, a rugged, wooden boat-like hull, specifically designed to float directly on water, and to withstand the pounding and high stresses experienced when taking off and landing. These were heavy, rugged aircraft, stabilized on the water by a pair of under-wing floats near the wing tips. Unlike land planes of that era, or modern float planes, they lacked any landing gear with wheels or skis, which restricted their operation to seasons when Canadian waters are ice-free. From May to October, flying-boats were well-suited to fly into lake-filled wilderness areas of northern Manitoba and Saskatchewan and northwest Ontario at a time when no airfields or roads had yet been built anywhere on the land below.

In January 1921, the Air Board decided to establish an Air Station, initially as a base for aerial patrols to detect and suppress forest fires in northern Manitoba. Major Basil D. Hobbs, DSO, DSC, of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, was appointed the Air Station Superintendent, at age 26. During the First World War, after initial flight training in 1915 at the Orville Wright School of Aviation in Ohio, he joined the Royal Navy Air Service in Britain. He, like many other pilots who flew from Victoria Beach, was a naval military pilot: what is today called a “top gun”. Hobbs was decorated for his service as a pilot of flying boats on anti-zeppelin and anti-submarine missions over the North Sea. He remained in command of Victoria Beach for four years through 1924, holding the RCAF rank of Squadron Leader. Today, the headquarters building of RCAF 17 Wing Winnipeg is named in his honour.

In April 1921, the site selected by Major Hobbs was leased from the Victoria Beach Company (which originally intended the land for a resort hotel, never built). In May, an advance crew of civilian airmen arrived to construct the first buildings and receive delivery, at the adjacent Victoria Beach railway station, of equipment, supplies, and vehicles, including the first aircraft. At the Dartmouth Air Station, two single-engined, ex-U.S. Navy, Curtiss HS-2L flying boats were disassembled, loaded into crates and onto flat cars, then shipped by Canadian National Railways to Victoria Beach. In July, a contract was awarded for construction of a timber platform which used as its foundation concrete footings already on site for the hotel. By summer’s end, the platform supported a timber-and-canvas Bessonneau hangar. Tents and rented cottages housed the station’s 24 employees.

One hundred years ago this week, the Air Station began operations with its first test flight. A crew of airmen using ropes and a team of horses hauled the first reassembled HS-2L aircraft, which weighed three tonnes, from the grassy field and dragged it across the sandy shoreline. When launched into the waves of the bay, the machine floated on the surface. Once hauled into deeper water, the bow and wing tips were secured by lines to a mooring buoy anchored in the bay, within view from the Victoria Beach government pier.

On Friday, July 1, 1921, a canoe with a small outboard motor mounted on the transom set out from the shoreline from a small dock on Pier Road, near where swimming lessons are now taught.

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Squadron Leader B.D. Hobbs and the crew of Vickers Viking flying boat G-CYET during the summer of 1924. From left, Corporal Alex Milne, Squadron Leader Hobbs, R.D. Davidson, and Flying Officer J.R. Cairns.

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The canoe carried the air crew to the aircraft: a pilot and an air engineer wearing flying suits and helmets made of leather, and fitted with goggles. After climbing aboard and into the open cockpit, the pilot engaged the throttle and magneto ignition, the engineer manually cranked the 12-cylinder Liberty engine and 4-bladed propeller, both mounted behind the cockpit, and the engine roared to life. The craft taxied across the bay, pointed into the wind, then the pilot shifted the throttle control to wide open. The machine roared and built up speed as it hit the waves. At 50 miles per hour (80 km per hour), the hull lifted over the crests of the waves into the air. The aircraft climbed slowly. The machine made a brief and successful test flight over the treetops of the Victoria Beach peninsula, then circled south and settled down again on the waters off Bayview.

Canada flight, from Rivière-du-Loup, Quebec to Winnipeg, piloted by the Air Board's Flying Operations Director Lieutenant Colonel Robert Leckie and Major Hobbs (as Sheila Grover described in the Winter 2021 issue of *Prairie History*). The F-3 was stored over the winter on the banks of the Red, near Brandon Avenue in the Riverview district of Winnipeg, where in later years all flying boats from Victoria Beach were hauled from and into the water each autumn and spring.

The RCAF Historian, Wing Commander F.H. Hitchen, has written that the new Air Station at Victoria Beach "within a few years became one of the most important centers of civil government flying in Canada".

During 1921, four flying boats operated from Victoria Beach: two HS-2Ls and two F-3s. In 1922, two more F-3s were added, the largest number of this type of aircraft to operate from any single location in Canada. The following season, 1923, brought a twin-engined Curtiss H-16 and the first of a new purpose-built type, the Vickers Viking flying boat powered by a single Rolls Royce engine. In 1924, six of the total eight Vikings in the RCAF fleet, and several smaller Avro Viper seaplanes, were assembled at Victoria Beach, and operated from Victoria Beach and its sub-bases in Northern Manitoba at Norway House and Cormorant Lake.

The original mission at Victoria Beach was to perform forest ranging patrols and assist in fire suppression on Crown lands, then the responsibility of the Forestry branch of the federal Department of the Interior. The mandate soon broadened to provide other services for many branches and federal Departments after an F-3



Early aerial photograph of Victoria Beach: July 15, 1921

mile expedition to conduct the first major aerial photographic survey ever conducted in Canada, in the uncharted Reindeer Lake and Churchill River region of northern Manitoba and Saskatchewan. This historic mission was completed over a month in a Vickers Viking flown from Victoria Beach by Squadron Leader Hobbs, with Dominion Land Surveyor Robert G. Davidson as navigator, RCAF Photographic Officer D.J.R. (Jimmy) Cairns, and RCAF air engineer Corporal A.J. (Alex) Milne. Cairns, facing 60 mile per hour winds at 5,000 feet while manually operating a large-aperture Fairchild camera from the open front cockpit, took about 1,700 photographs covering over 15,000 square miles. Cairns' legacy also includes many photographs of the Victoria Beach Air Station throughout its existence.

Victoria Beach can legitimately claim to be the birthplace of the Air Force in Manitoba. On April 1, 1922, when the Department of National Defence succeeded the Air Board, Victoria Beach became the first operational base in Manitoba of the Canadian Air Force. In 1922, a winter base was established in Winnipeg, with headquarters at Fort Osborne Barracks. A maintenance facility was set up in rented premises above a Ford dealership on Maryland Avenue to perform the service and overhaul of engines and airframes outside the flying season. From May to October, the main operational base



Felixstowe F.3 (first used on the Trans Canada flight of October 1920) at Victoria Beach, 1921

The next weekend, on Sunday, July 10, Major Hobbs flew a giant, twin-engined Felixstowe F-3 flying boat from the Red River in Winnipeg, near the Norwood Bridge, to Victoria Beach. He made brief stopovers on the Red near Selkirk and on Lake Winnipeg between Grand Beach and Victoria Beach. This F-3, constructed in Rochester, England and powered by two Rolls Royce Eagle VIII V-12 engines, had already made history in October 1920. It had flown the longest leg of the first-ever trans-

made an 1,100-mile demonstration flight to Norway House, The Pas, and Cumberland House, Saskatchewan in 1921 and another in 1922. In 1922, a pioneering wireless telephony system linked Forestry branch officers in Winnipeg, Victoria Beach, and Norway House, and an experimental aerial survey was conducted to test innovative methods for creating accurate topographic maps from mosaics of oblique photographs.

This work culminated in 1924 in a pathbreaking 2,800-

reverted back to Victoria Beach. Subsequently, Victoria Beach became a base of the Royal Canadian Air Force when the RCAF was officially formed on April 1, 1924. Victoria Beach remained an RCAF base until 1926, when operations and many structures were relocated to a new base established at Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba.

Lac Brochet Canadian Rangers Act as Community Ambassadors During Op VECTOR

Canadian Ranger Corporal Lindsay Chung, 4th Canadian Ranger Patrol Group

Canadian Rangers from the 4th Canadian Ranger Patrol Group's (4 CRPG) Lac Brochet Canadian Ranger Patrol (CRP) played an important role when the Canadian Armed Forces' (CAF) Task Force Aurora came to northern Manitoba to deliver COVID-19 vaccines this spring, bridging the gap between the visiting CAF team and the local community to ensure the vaccine clinics were a success.

Members of the Lac Brochet CRP were involved in Operation VECTOR, the CAF's support to the federal, provincial and territorial governments for the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines from April 21 to 26 and May 24 to 28.

Through Op VECTOR, the CAF received a request from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to support the local public health vaccination program in northern Manitoba and deployed Task Force Aurora to assist with the accelerated vaccine roll-out program in a number of on-reserve Indigenous communities.

For both vaccine clinics in April and May, members of the Lac Brochet CRP led a ceremony welcoming CAF, ISC, and First Nations and Inuit Health Branch personnel to the community, which included drumming, smudging with sweetgrass and sage, and a prayer by an Elder. The Rangers led a ceremony at the closing of both clinics as well.

"In our Native spirituality, we believe purifying the mind, body and soul is what the smudge is all about, and we wanted to share that with the people," said Lac Brochet CRP Patrol Commander Canadian Ranger (CR)

they provided vehicle support to the CAF team.

"This allowed the CAF team to focus entirely on vaccine delivery, as they had very limited personnel," said 4 CRPG Manitoba Company Canadian Ranger Instructor Sgt Dustin Van Berkel.

Sgt Van Berkel believes the biggest reason the Rangers were able to bridge the gap between the community members and the CAF units that came in is that they are from the community.

"They know its influential members and who to speak to in order to get the most awareness out," he said. "They also are able to assist the CAF teams by providing local resources, such as vehicles and access to buildings, to facilitate the vaccine clinic in a more effective manner.

Translating for members of the community who speak Dene as their primary language also allowed for more community members to make informed decisions about whether or not to receive the vaccine. One of the Rangers who participated is also a town councillor and was an important link to the Chief and Council. For the community, I believe it also helps to see people they are familiar with wearing a military uniform and interacting with the CAF team. This helps to build trust between the community and the CAF, as it makes the military feel less intrusive."



Members of the Lac Brochet Canadian Ranger Patrol lead a ceremony welcoming Canadian Armed Forces, Indigenous Services Canada, and First Nations and Inuit Health Branch personnel to the community for the second COVID-19 vaccine clinic on May 24, 2021, in Lac Brochet, Manitoba. The ceremony, which included drumming, smudging with sweetgrass and sage, and a prayer by an Elder, is an Indigenous tradition to mark special occasions. Photo Credit: Sergeant Dustin Van Berkel, Canadian Ranger Instructor, 4th Canadian Ranger Patrol Group

CR Sgt Denedchezhe says the Lac Brochet Rangers worked well with Task Force Aurora, and a lot of people in the community were excited to see the Chinook helicopter that brought in the CAF personnel.

"The Rangers were all happy being part of the military operation," he said. "It feels good. We want to do more."

Before the vaccination clinics, members of the Lac Brochet CRP were also busy supporting their community with COVID-19 relief efforts as part of Op LASER, the CAF's response to a worldwide pandemic situation. CR Sgt Denedchezhe says the Canadian Rangers helped Elders by getting firewood, harvesting caribou meat and getting fish. They also gave community members rides to the store to do errands and to the airport to pick up supplies.

CR Sgt Denedchezhe recalls one time, some of the Manitoba Chiefs from down south arranged for a big plane full of frozen fish to come to Lac Brochet, and the Rangers helped deliver the fish to the nearly 200 households in the community once the plane landed.

"Thanks to all the Rangers and all the people who help us," said CR Sgt Denedchezhe. "We are just trying to do our part and do our duties supporting our community, especially the young people – we're trying to help out the Junior Canadian Rangers as much as we can to show them our support."

Twelve Canadian Rangers from the Lac Brochet CRP served on Op VECTOR.

Sgt Van Berkel believes the Canadian Rangers fit in well with the entire operation and played a key role in its success.

"I believe the Canadian Rangers allowed the CAF team to more effectively complete its task by taking care of the

duties that distract them from the actual vaccine delivery," he said. "They brought an understanding of the community, which helped to draw community members to the clinic, allowing for more people to get vaccinated. Without the Canadian Rangers of the Lac Brochet Patrol, the clinic would not have been as successful as it was. Due to the nature of Op VECTOR, most of the Rangers' traditional skills were not utilized; however, their knowledge and dedication to their family, friends and community is what made Op VECTOR a success in Lac Brochet."

CR Sgt Denedchezhe feels it was good for the Rangers to work to help keep the community safe and encourage everyone to get vaccinated.

"The Rangers all got vaccinated, so that encouraged the young people in the community," he said. "They felt safer, and it went well."



With the arrival of the COVID-19 vaccination clinic, including CAF, Indigenous Services Canada, and First Nations and Inuit Health Branch personnel, a traditional Indigenous ceremony was hosted by the Canadian Ranger Lac Brochet Patrol and community Elders on April 21, 2021, in Lac Brochet, Manitoba. The ceremony including smudging which Indigenous Peoples believe purifying the mind, body and soul and wanted to share the clinic personnel. Photo Credit: Sergeant Dustin Van Berkel, Canadian Ranger Instructor, 4th Canadian Ranger Patrol Group

Sergeant Jack Denedchezhe. "The Dene drum song has been passed on from generation to generation so they use that at special occasions."

CR Sgt Denedchezhe says to help support community members and help them feel more comfortable during the clinic, the Rangers also translated from English to Dene for Elders who don't speak much English, and one of the teachers at the school where the vaccine clinic was held provided tea, coffee and traditional food such as bannock, caribou and fish.

To support Task Force Aurora in the community, Canadian Rangers cleaned, disinfected and set up the vaccine clinic and guided community members to where they needed to be during the clinic. They also helped pick up community members and drive them home and helped inform the community that the vaccine clinic was open. During the clinic, Rangers helped keep a record of all those who arrived at the school for vaccinations, and



During the start of the second community COVID-19 vaccine clinic, members of the Lac Brochet Canadian Ranger Patrol performed a traditional Dene drum song to mark the significance of the occasion on May 24, 2021, in Lac Brochet, Manitoba. The Dene drum song has been passed on from generation to generation so they use that on special occasions Photo Credit: Sergeant Dustin Van Berkel, Canadian Ranger Instructor, 4th Canadian Ranger Patrol Group

Mental Performance Manager to Join the Tool Box for Students in Winnipeg Training Units

Martin Zeilig

As an experienced mental performance coach, Laura Pollice knows that sometimes “all you need is that time to have a chat” even if you don’t have a particular problem that’s weighing you down.

“It doesn’t always have to be heavy,” she said during a telephone interview with The Voxair on June 21.

Ms. Pollice has, for the past two and a half years, been the Mental Performance Manager, PSP, at 15 Wing Moose Jaw. On the request of 2 Canadian Air Division, she has moved to Winnipeg to further support students and members in specific trades, Christina Bailey Senior Manager, PSP, 17 Wing, said in an email.

“We are excited to have Laura join us, and are excited to see how this program will develop further in the near future,” she added.

“Laura will be based in the Voxair office for July and August while we establish a permanent office for her through one of the Units. However, this will provide an opportunity for you to get to know Laura and the work she does. While Laura will join us in early July, as she is traveling from Saskatchewan to Manitoba she will be working virtually due to isolation requirements.”

Laura holds a Master of Human Kinetics in Performance Psychology from the University of Ottawa and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Concordia University in Montréal, notes her bio. She is currently in the process of working towards her Ph.D. at the University of Regina, where her research will focus on training executive functioning and assessing skill transferability in military pilots. She is also a certified member of the Canadian Sport Psychology Association and holds a professional membership with the Association of Applied Sport Psychology.

Laura’s professional experience spans across a wide variety of performance domains. She has had the opportunity to work with both competitive junior athletes and elite performers. Over the last five years, she has worked with teams and individuals with Hockey Canada, Ringette Canada, the CFL, and professional dancers with Le Grand Ballet de Montréal.

In the last two years, the focus of her work has been with the Canadian Forces Flight Training School in Moose Jaw and Southport (Portage la Prairie) to develop and implement a mental performance program for RCAF student pilots, her bio continues. The aim of this program is to teach student pilots the fundamentals of mental skills, how they can aid in managing stress and improve performance, and how to put into practice the skills learned.

Personally, it was her own experience in competitive sport that motivated her to follow this career path and provided her with a firsthand experience and in-depth understanding of the mindset, motivation, commitment, and balance required to deliver a performance in a high-pressure environment, says the bio.

“I’m a pretty competitive individual—the challenges in sport and wanting to be the best performer I could be,” Ms. Pollice, who played soccer and rugby at the university level, said during the interview.

“So, I sought out the support from a performance coach and it really made a difference in my performance, and my day to day life as well. That’s what sparked my interest in this field. If I could put it together with another domain in my performance, namely sport, then it would make a pretty awesome career.”

Her work at 17 Wing will be similar to what she’s been doing in Moose Jaw: Building a mental performance program that is a mixture of workshops and providing one on one coaching for individuals, she said.

“I’ll be teaching the foundations of performance psychology, so they can use different skills and strategies not only day to day but in their work performance field too.”



Laura Pollice, Mental Performance Manager, has moved to Winnipeg at the request of 2 CAD, to support students and members in specific trades.

This will help personnel identify what is their “top zone of performance” and how to maintain it regardless of the demands made on that individual, explained Ms. Pollice, a native of Montreal, Quebec, whose husband is a contractor and real estate agent.

“I’ve been working as a civilian employee (in the CAF) since the beginning of 2019,” she said.

“I love it. It’s an amazing environment. I’m excited to be moving to Winnipeg, but sad to leave my friends in Moose Jaw.”

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Around the Wing



Sgt Johnatan St-Louis receives the Canadian Joint Operation Command Commendation, at the 17 MSS Honors and Awards Ceremony, at 17 Wing Winnipeg, on June 24, 2021. All photos: Sailor 3rd Class Megan Sterritt, 17 OSS Imaging.



Sgt Edward McGory receives the Special Service Medal - Nato, at the 17 MSS Honors and Awards Ceremony, at 17 Wing Winnipeg, on June 24, 2021. Photo: Sailor 3rd Class Megan Sterritt, 17 OSS Imaging.



Cpl Kieran Cloet receives the General Service Medal - Expedition, at the 17 MSS Honors and Awards Ceremony, at 17 Wing Winnipeg, on June 24, 2021.



MCpl David Clark receives the Canadian Forces Decoration (CD), on June 24, 2021.



Major Isabelle Rochon receives the Canadian Forces Decoration (CD), at the 17 MSS Honors and Awards Ceremony, at 17 Wing Winnipeg, on June 24, 2021.



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2Lt Jason Dong-Woo Kang receives the Commissioning Scroll, at the 17 MSS Honors and Awards Ceremony, at 17 Wing Winnipeg, on June 24, 2021.

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Lt Matthew Jenkins receives the Commissioning Scroll, at the 17 MSS Honors and Awards Ceremony, at 17 Wing Winnipeg, on June 24, 2021.

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Lt Mani Khan receives the Commissioning Scroll, at the 17 MSS Honors and Awards Ceremony, at 17 Wing Winnipeg, on June 24, 2021.

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(L) A/SWO WO Brent Conway and CO of CFSSAT Maj Brian Noel (R) present Sgt Myles Mohr, an Aviation Physiology Technician, his promotion to that rank, effective April 1, 2021.



Maj Brian Noel promotes 2Lt Hay to that rank effective 27 April 2021. Photo submitted.



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"We really wanted to give back to our community to say thanks for their support over the past 30 years. Hosting the 50/50 was a win for the military community and a win for the MFRC." said Allison Kesler-Payne, Executive Director of the MFRC.

And the community, as always, came through buying 3,265 tickets. The draw was held at the Winnipeg MFRC on June 28th with Kesler-Payne pressing the draw button moments after 9:00 a.m. The draw was broadcast live to the MFRC's Facebook page. It was an exciting moment to announce that LCol. Amanda Aldous won half of the \$4010 prize pot.

"We are thrilled the prize went to someone who has given so much to the 17 Wing community. With the anticipated lifting of the Covid-19 Health Restrictions we are hoping to be able to hold in-person celebrations come the Fall." said Kesler-Payne after the draw.

Make sure you are following the MFRC's social media - @Winnipeg MFRC on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube so you don't miss out on the next event.



Photo: (L) Corinne Reyes, MFRC Children's Program Coordinator and Raffle Chair, (R) Allison Kesler-Payne, MFRC Executive Director (Photo credit: Jenny Brennan, MFRC)

A Medallic Mystery

Gord Crossley, 17 Wing Heritage Officer

On 30 April, a Second World War service medal was found near the 17 Wing Whyte-wold gate.

It is a Canadian version of the 1939-1945 War Medal. This was the most common medal earned by Canadians for service during the war, with about 700,000 being issued. It was instituted in the United Kingdom in August 1945, and was the last medal to be designed and issued for service in the war. Intended to recognize as many of those who served as possible, the criteria was to have completed a minimum of 28 days service, operational or non-operational, during the war.

In Canada, it was the only medal that applied to those who were conscripted into service as well as volunteers. As a result, amongst some volunteers the medal had a poor reputation, as it was associated with the "Zombies" as conscripts were derisively termed. Some volunteers even chose not to wear this medal as a result. The medals were sent to veterans who applied for them in a small cardboard box, with a pamphlet showing how they were to be mounted for wear. Most medals were issued by late 1947.

The medals were not named, except those that went to the Canadian Merchant Navy and RCMP members who served on the St. Roch. Canadian issued medals are made of silver, while most other Commonwealth nations used a cupro-nickel alloy.

The front (Obverse) of the medal has the crowned head of King George VI, surrounded by the Latin abbreviation GEORGIVS VI DG : BR : OMN : REX ET INDIAE IMP: or "Georgius VI, Dei Gratia Britanniarum Omnium Rex et Indiae Imperator" which translates to "George the Sixth, by the Grace of God, all of the Britains, King, and Emperor of India".

The reverse or the medal, designed by Edward Carter Preston, shows a victorious lion standing on a double headed monster, the two heads being an eagle and a dragon representing the defeated enemies in Europe and Asia.

The found medal still has its original ribbon, and appears never to have been mounted for wear. Should anyone know more about the loss of this medal, please contact the Heritage office at 5613.



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Déclaration de L'Aumônier Général au Sujet des 215 Enfants Autochtones Qui Ont Péri Dans L'ancien Pensionnat de Kamloops, C.-B.

The news from Kamloops, British Columbia, of the discovery last week of the bodies of 215 children at the site of an unmarked burial ground at a former residential school has been shocking and deeply upsetting for us as Canadians. At present there are many more questions than answers.

As chaplains we know the pain experienced by families when a loved one does not return home. Each of us know grief endured by next of kin when a notification is made that their loved one will not be coming home. How much more tragic than that those who never returned home were children.

Hope animates faith, and faith animates action. As profound as our grief as a nation is at present for the loss of these 215 children, may that grief be a sign of hope, because apathy is the enemy of hope. The tears we shed today will water the action of tomorrow.

Please continue to be attentive to the concerns of the members of your units and their families at this time. They need your support, your comfort, your listening and your prayers.

In Service,

Guy Bélisle
Brigadier-General
Chaplain General of the Canadian Armed Forces

La nouvelle de Kamloops, en Colombie-Britannique concernant la découverte la semaine dernière des corps de 215 enfants dans une fosse commune dans un ancien pensionnat a été choquante et profondément bouleversante pour nous tous en tant que Canadiens et Canadiennes. À l'heure actuelle, il y a beaucoup plus de questions que de réponses.

En tant qu'aumôniers, nous connaissons la douleur vécue et la souffrance ressentie par les familles lorsqu'on leur annonce qu'un être cher ne reviendra pas à la maison. Combien plus tragique alors que ceux et celles qui ne rentreront pas à la maison sont des enfants.

L'espérance nourrit la foi et la foi nourrit l'action. Aussi profond que soit actuellement notre chagrin en tant que nation pour la perte de ces 215 enfants, que notre deuil se transforme en espoir, car l'apathie est l'ennemie de l'espoir. Les larmes que nous versons aujourd'hui arrosent l'action de demain.

Je vous invite à être attentifs aux préoccupations des membres de vos unités et de leurs familles en ces moments difficiles. Ils ont besoin de votre soutien, de votre réconfort, de votre écoute et de vos prières.

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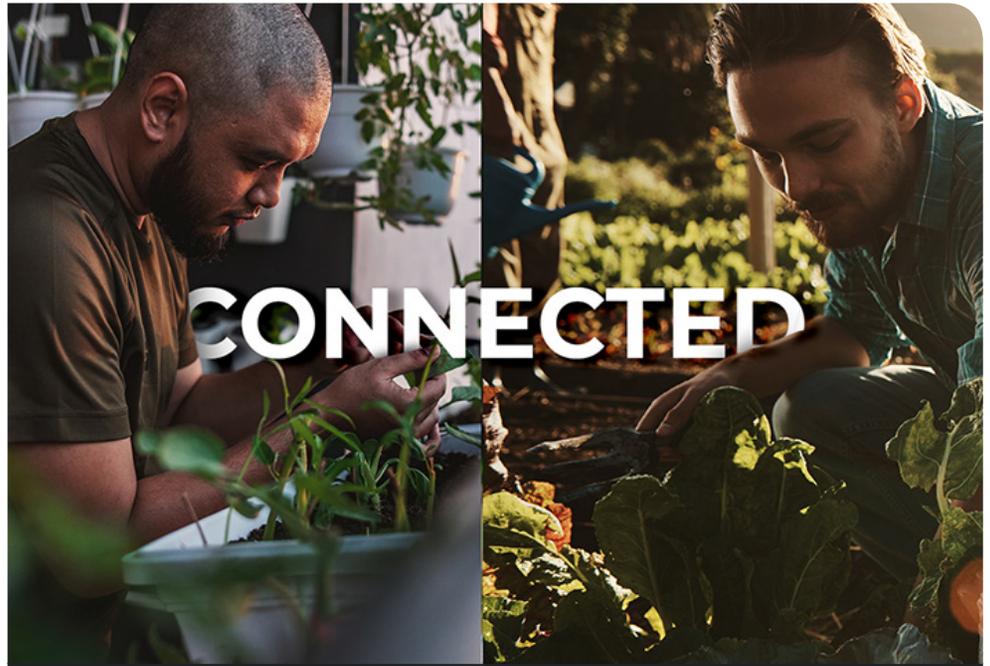
Mental Fitness & Suicide Awareness

15 July 2021 @ 1000hrs CST - This one and half hour briefing will cover mental health and resiliency in the CAF. It will introduce you to the ACE model and will help you recognize when someone is in distress and in need of care. Join us via Zoom.

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Thank you for joining us for JRM

We want to thank everyone who participated in our June Is Rec Month activities. The Commuter and Step Challenges, Winnipeg Bike Wek, Longest Day of Play, the National Men's Health Panel and more. For anyone that helped organize an event, we want to send our thank you and appreciation. We will see you in 2022! Thank you!



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17 Wing Race Roster Step Challenge

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Wednesdays 1800-1900
July 28 - register by July 26
August 25 - register by August 23
by emailing
deploymentwmfrc@outlook.com

French Story Time

with Brinda
Tuesdays, 9 am
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Month 12 of the Positive Program

This month, we will look back to our favourite things throughout the month over the past 11 months and focus on what lies ahead. We will look at 'moving forward' in more than one way as we focus on maintaining the positive and how to navigate some of the continued unknowns!

Zoom kick-off Friday, July 30, 2000 - 2100
Cost is \$5. Register by July 26 by emailing jbreannamfrc@gmail.com.

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PREPARING FOR REUNION

FRI., JULY 16, 1200 - 1300
REGISTER BY MONDAY, JULY 12

New Recruits Family Cafe
Café pour les nouvelles familles de militaires

Are you a proud family member of a new military member?
Come and meet the Deployment Coordinator and other parents of military members at our virtual Friday cafe!

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Vendredi 30 juillet - et 27 août de 19 h à 20 h via Zoom
Date limite d'inscription : 29 juillet et 25 août à sltwinnipegmfrc@gmail.com

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COMING IN SEPT.

Learning, Career and Transition Planning Fair - Virtual Edition
Whether you are exploring a new career, researching educational opportunities or getting ready for your transition to civilian life, we will have something for you. Local and national employers and educators will be a part of this event.
Sept. 29

Travel Manitoba Presentation
Come and learn about Friendly Manitoba. Whether you are new to our province, returning for another posting or a long time resident, Travel Manitoba is sure to reveal a hidden gem you haven't heard of.
Sept. 30, 1900 - 2000



A New Day Has Dawned

Padre Falk

As I write this I am thankful for the late afternoon sun as it pours into my west facing dining room, flooding the house with warmth and light. What a gift, offering such promise of life and renewal.

There is something about the sun, warming our rooms, drawing out flowers and buds, inviting people to the splash of a lake, encouraging lovers to take a meandering stroll hand-in-hand in the park, beckoning gardeners to plunge hands into rich, warm luminous soil, warming our lives, gently rousing us from lazy Sunday afternoon naps and coaxing squeals of delight from children swinging from play structures and chasing butterflies and silver backed beetles around greening yards.

So too, as the vaccines continue to roll out, there is, in my opinion, a sense of emerging, dare I say it ... HOPE! Our society is not out of the proverbial woods just yet. But, like the summer's razes of sunlight filtering through our drawn curtains, hope is starting to invite us and warm our hearts to the possibility of things returning to "normal".

We long for returning to "normal". But, what will "normal" look like? Will "normal" be the same or different? Is different bad?

It's been over a year since the anniversary of the global pandemic. Wisdom invites us to pause and reflect, to consider, for yourself, for your family and as a Congregation:

- 1) What has changed?
- 2) Will we simply go back to the way things were before?
- 3) Have we learned new ways to share, live and be?
- 4) Have we learned new things about community, our global world, resilience and isolation?
- 5) What have we lost?
- 6) Where is our hope for new life?
- 7) What do we want to take with us into our new future?
- 8) What do we want to change and release/stop doing?

Pause. Take stalk. This "new day" will be different. There will be choices to make. What, from the past, will be kept? What things should we leave behind?

Here's a story:

Once upon a time there was a village surrounded by the Himalayan Mountains. Villagers went about their daily business planting fields, loading wagons and carrying wares to and from the local market. Most villagers only dreamt of what it would be like to climb to the top of the nearest mountain and experience first-hand the sun rise from that vantage point. However one young villager decided to climb. How wonderful it would be to perch herself on top of the summit and experience the clarity offered by a crisp, swift sunrise! So she set out on her journey.

Located at the base of the mountain was a cozy, humble and well-run hostel that offered a warm fire, clean sheets and comforting home cooked food to every weary pass-



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ing by traveler. Many journeyers dined, stayed up late into the night, raised glasses in good cheer and spun stories of their far away travels with warm fire ambers glowing red deep into the night.

Our traveler enjoyed the hostel. She worked and earned her room and board. At night, she was captivated by the traveller's stories of adventure and woe. Of course she paid particular interest to those who had ascended up to the mountain peak. They often mentioned how beautiful and enlightening the experience, was but they also shared how treacherous and daunting the ascent was. The more she listened, the more she doubted her desire to climb the mountain. It was dangerous! Here the fire was warm and she belonged! Eventually, she began to doubt if she even needed to experience the view for herself. After all, she has heard of many traveller's experiences of the sunrise... As time passed she lost her desire to climb to the mountain. In fact, she never did.

Food for Thought:

We can get sidetracked by hard/dangerous things and also by good things. This can be both good or bad. So, take time and ask the questions listed above. The examined life is worth living.

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Sunday School: It is held during the service for children ages 3 to 12. Childcare is provided on an as-required basis for children under 3 years of age.

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

Marriage: Contact the chaplain at least six months in advance if possible. A marriage preparation course is a requirement. *Please contact the Chaplain before setting the date for the wedding or arranging family travel.*

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

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.*

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.*

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

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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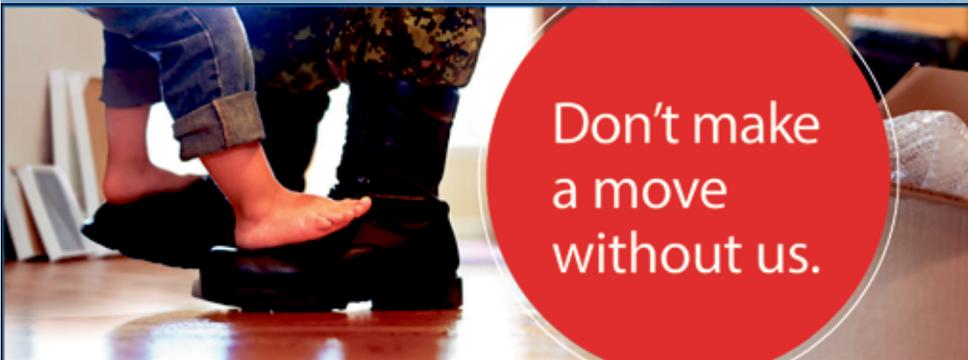
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