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Who said the WCWO never does any work. CWO Bob Scott puts his back into some sweeping during the Lt-Gov's Bonspiel on March 1, 1994. (Photos by Cpl Ken Allan)

By Capt Neil Kinley, WPAffO

The sound of granite hitting granite is an unmistakable sound of winter in Manitoba. That sound could be heard on March 1, 1994 as 17 Wing hosted the Lieutenant-Governor's Bonspiel at the Base Curling Club.

This curling bonspiel is held annually amongst the military units in Manitoba and Government House. The Lt-Gov of Manitoba, Yvon Dumont, is the patron of the bonspiel, and along with his wife Lyla, was part of the Government House team.

This year saw 17 Wing take its turn at hosting the event, which included two teams from Government House, 17 Wing, CFB Shilo, Air Command Headquarters, and Air Reserve Group Headquarters.

Besides an afternoon of curling, the day included a luncheon and dinner at the Officers' Mess.

Once the curling began the

competitive fires surfaced.

Granite hit granite, and sometimes it didn't. After a series of tightly fought games the winning team and base were declared.

The CFB Shilo team of Kelly Skinner, LCol Bob McLeod, Frances Vehey, and Capt John Snyder were the victorious team. The base winners, where the performance of both teams is taken into account, was claimed by 17

Wing.

17 Wing was represented by Col Bert Proulx, Carolyn Proulx, CWO Bob Scott, and Ruthen Scott, and LCol Mike Dolan, Karen Dolan, LCol Chuck MacIntyre, and Sandi Coward. Congratulations to all the curlers. Special mention should be made of this year's bonspiel organizer, Capt Dan Lachance, who ensured a fine day was had by all.



The curlers, led by Manitoba's Lt-Gov, Yvon Dumont, and his wife Lyla, are piped on to the ice for the annual Lt-Gov's Bonspiel.

FOCUS ON TRAINING SYSTEMS:

WINNER OF SERVICE ARMATIS ESSAY AWARD!

The Annual Service Armatiss Essay Contest, open to all Personnel Administration officers and NCM's, was won this year by Canadian Forces Training System's own Sgt Terry Groves who works at the Region Cadet Office.

The annual competition of the Administration Branch's official publication is a "blind" competition, meaning the judges have no idea who wrote each essay. Sgt Groves won with his essay, "Any Idiot ...". His reward? A plaque; having the article published in the next Service Armatiss; a cheque for \$150; and a lot of

self-satisfaction.

Sgt Groves is no stranger to writing. He currently has 8 short stories, in the horror genre, before American publishers. He also writes the "Dusty Movies" column for several base papers, in which he reviews lesser known and forgotten films.

"As an Admin clerk, I hone my writing skills at work daily," says Terry. "We are trained to write for clarity, to ensure understanding."

Congratulations, Terry! (And look out, Stephen King) Here is Terry's Award Winning Essay ...

ANY IDIOT ...

One day, during my tour of duty with an infantry battalion, I heard an infanteer in the field comment "Any idiot can be uncomfortable." At the time I took little notice of the phrase as the army seemed to have a pre-programmed response for every situation. As my field experience lengthened, I heard similar phrases and then I began to listen. I noticed the "Any idiot" introduction was accompanied by a descriptor of the current situation such as "can be cold" or "can be wet." From these seeming derogatory statements I gained a philosophy that I have been able to apply to almost every aspect of my career and my personal life.

The basic premise is that any person can be cold. Even with proper training, the idiot is still cold. Rather than use what he knows, the idiot would rather be cold than do the extra that would ensure warmth. He knows how to build a fire but then he would have to gather the wood. He

knows he should wear layers of clothing but that would demand digging into his pack to get the clothing out. The individual would also have to decide which layer to put on first. Attendance on a Winter Warfare Course will not make you warm. It will, however, enlighten you on the necessary measures that will ensure you are warm. Without

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If you visit the Lake of the Woods area you will notice that some people leave their gas generators running all night long so that they can turn on a light instantly. This is a tremendous waste of power and also very noisy solution. If you have a gas powered generator you can save a lot of money by using the generator to charge batteries. This way you can run lights off the batteries anytime and if you have to run a larger

load you can start up the generator. So you can do a load of wash while charging up the batteries making the most of the power being generated. Doing this will cut you expense of running the generator by more than half.

The wind generator is a beautiful solution to generating power. With hardly any maintenance or noise we can generate enough power to run half of our electrical requirements. If it was up a bit higher so that the wind was not slowed down by the house and trees it will put out more power than we need (3kWhrs/Day). We were a bit afraid to use the power at first as you tend to cherish the power you make yourself. Now we realize its a pretty rugged system. Its always neat to think that the washing machine just did a load powered by the wind, or that the grass was cut without creating any pollution.

The wind generator is a pretty neat design. With only three moving parts its designed to last a long time. It has no brushes to replace and

requires a yearly inspection. The second most frequently asked question is "does it have variable pitch blades?" (the most asked question is "what is it?"). The blades are fixed pitch, if you look at it carefully you will notice that the blades are not perpendicular to the horizon but tilted back slightly. When its too windy for the generator it tilts back and looks more like a helicopter, this stops it from spinning too fast. The cost of the wind generator is about \$2000, the tower cost \$500 and if you wanted to sell the power back to Manitoba hydro the electronics would cost another \$2000. We purchased the equipment from a local solar energy dealer.

The Fort Whyte Centre is putting up a wind generator that is three times larger than the one we have. The power from their generator helps to reduce their electric bill. If you have a need for generating your own power for a cabin our household I can help you with any questions you may have. You can reach me at home 885-5423. Jan C. King.



BASE/WING LOTTO

On 29 March, the Base/Wing Lottery draw was held at Wing Supply, Bldg P2. Both Sgt Andow, 14 Dental and CWO Parent, Air Command Headquarters were winners of \$100.00 each.

On 13 April another draw was held in HQ Bldg 84 and CWO Scott was one of the lucky winners, a great birthday surprise. Cpl Belhumuer, 2PPCLI, was the other lucky winner. Both CWO Scott and Cpl Belhumuer have been previous winners. Congratulations to all the Lottery winners and good luck to all members.

During the week of 25-29 April 1994, the Base/Wing Lottery/MFRC Representative Linda Belisle will be at the following locations campaigning on behalf of the lotto and will be available for enrollment of new members.

April 25 & 26 - Air Command April 27 - HQ's
April 28 - 402 Sqn/WCE April 29 - W Supply
The next draw will be made on the 26 April at Air Command HQ's.

For only \$1.00 per week you can win \$100 a week in the Wing Lottery. Two draws are made around the wing every second Thursday. Regular Force and Class C personnel can complete a pay allotment form or pay by cheque six months or one year at a time. Class A and B personnel and civilians can pay by cheque six months or one year at a time. To join, contact the Military Family Resource Centre, 350 Doncaster Street, phone 489-7003. All proceeds from the Wing Lottery are used exclusively for community projects and your support is greatly appreciated.



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the action required by the knowledge, you will still be cold. I suppose an individual falling into this category could be considered the worse sort of idiot. It is only through the application of acquired knowledge, coupled with necessary actions (work), that one rises above the level of idiot.

At this same time I was becoming re-acquainted with my personal weapon. My previous range qualification existed in the distant past and the weapon had changed. I had heard that Immediate Actions (IAs) and Stoppages were altered and that even some drill movements had changed. I was concerned that I would look like an idiot on the range or; even before that, if we marched to the range, weapon drill would be required and I did not know the movements. Then I thought, "Any idiot will not take advantage of information that is readily

available." Here I was, surrounded by infanteers, every one of them a veritable expert in weapon handling and drill, and I was considering 'winging it'. I took a chance and approached one of these soldiers. To my surprise he was delighted to help me out and he spent two hours teaching me all I needed to know. As a result, I did not make an idiot of myself on the range. Better though, a better way of looking at things, a philosophy, gained root in my thinking.

Expanding this basic philosophy, I began to look at more aspects of life with an improved attitude. I euphemized "any idiot" to "anybody". The descriptor is tailored to fit the situation.

I have found a multitude of places to apply this philosophy. Anybody can: make up an excuse; do it wrong; blame someone else; shirk responsibility; fail; quit; let someone

else do it; allow others to do it wrong. It is not long before individuals newly introduced to this concept begin coining their own descriptors.

Moving this principle to your personal life can be easy and is often most rewarding. As anybody can .it in front of the TV instead of spending quality time with their children: eat at fast food places rather than learn about good nutrition: do nothing rather than work on a loving relationship with one's spouse; there are many areas where it can apply. The descriptors go on and on.

The phrase I find myself rolling off my tongue with great frequency is "Anybody can accept substandard work". This is applied against my own work to ensure consistent high quality output. Utilizing this in my daily work habits allows me to instill good work ethics in those who look to me

for direction. It can then be applied to the output of my subordinates to ensure everything my office produces is also of a high standard.

Through several years of self instruction, brought about by a desire to make the machines do what I wanted, I amassed a considerable quantity of computer knowledge. Due to this, I have often been approached to conduct computer familiarization training on newly obtained equipment or software. My initial reaction to these types of requests was defensive. I felt I had to protect my knowledge. I had learned the hard way and if anyone else wanted to know it, they could learn the hard way too. On top of wanting me to give my knowledge away, it was expected that I would do all the related work involved as well. I wanted to refuse but then thought "Anybody can keep what they

know to themselves."

This thought forced my hand and I agreed to tackle the jobs. As it turned out, it was well worth the effort. My coworkers became more productive because of what they learned. Other sections that could benefit from the training became strong allies. As well, I was able to hone my skills as an instructor. Better than all other benefits though was how I began to feel personally. I derived tremendous satisfaction from the feeling of having contributed in a way that could affect so many people in a positive manner.

While in the field I applied "Anybody can be miserable". Being involved in major field exercises often results in excessive amounts of physically demanding labour and long hours. These busy periods were interspersed with

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RCAF 70th ANNIVERSARY

By Capt Neil Kinley, WPAffO
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prepared by Wing Food Svcs, and the WOs and Sgts were invited to the cake cutting ceremony in the Officers' Mess.

early 17 Wing honoured and celebrated the 70th Anniversary of the RCAF and Canada's Air Force in fine style. Per Ardua Ad Astra.

To airmen and airwomen, 1 April has great significance. On this day in 1924 the Royal Canadian Air Force was formed, beginning a proud heritage of excellence.

This year is special, as 1994 is the 70th Anniversary of the RCAF.

In 1924 the RCAF had a manning level of 68 officers and 307 NCMs. RCAF Headquarters was in Ottawa, and most training was conducted at No. 1 Flying Training Station, Camp Borden. Operational flying was conducted from five locations including, No. 1 Ops Wing Winnipeg, No. 1 Ops Sqn Vancouver, No. 2 Ops Sqn High River, Alberta, No. 3 Ops Sqn Ottawa, and No. 4 Ops Sqn

Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. The RCAF has undergone some major changes during the past 70 years. It has gone from a small "bush" flying organization to a modern air force, and at one point in the 1950s was the largest and most powerful air force in Europe. One thing hasn't changed, and that is that Winnipeg has always been an important flying base.

Each year 1 April is celebrated with Mess Dinners at all Air Force bases across Canada. At 17 Wing Winnipeg the Anniversary celebrations occurred a bit early, as 1 April fell on Good Friday.

On 30 March, the Officers' Mess hosted the 70th RCAF Anniversary Mess Dinner, and 31 March was declared Warriors Day. The Mess Dinner might have been two days premature, but 17 Wing provided a fine celebration of the event. LGen Clements, the Comd AIRCOM, was the Guest of Honour and spoke on Air Force history and traditions.

Warriors Day saw more RCAF Anniversary celebrations. The day was the idea of the W Comd, Col Proulx, who wanted to honour the history and traditions of the RCAF and the Air Force. He wanted to see as many people as possible in old uniforms, flight suits, and combats.

He was not disappointed as most wore the appropriate clothing for the day. Maj Stewart, the W Sup O, came dressed as Leading Aircraftman Stewart, while Sgt Towar of the WPSO Section was dressed in her RCAF Flight Stewardess uniform, including cap.

The day involved luncheons at the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess and the Officers' Mess, with entertainment provided by a split Air Command Band. There was also a birthday cake



The W Comd, Col Proulx, and the WCWO, CWO Scott, cut the birthday cake with an RCAF Sword on Warriors Day. The day, proclaimed to celebrate the birthday of the RCAF and Canada's air force, included luncheons in the WOs' & Sgts' Mess and the Officers' Mess, with the WOs and Sgts being invited to the Officers' Mess for birthday cake.



LGen Clements, the Comd AIRCOM, speaks on RCAF history to those in attendance at the RCAF 70th Anniversary Mess Dinner.



Lt(N) Art Cramer bravely stands for "Heart of Oak", the Navy March Past, during the RCAF 70th Anniversary Mess Dinner. Lt Cramer, the A/W Pers Svcs 0, was unimpressed that the March Past of the "Senior Service" followed the "Air Force March Past".



The men and women of 17 Wing came out in flight suits, combats, and old uniforms, to celebrate Warriors Day.

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733 Comm Squadron Profile

By Cpl Brenda Sadick

Mrs Karen McKay has been working in Telecommunications with the Department of National Defence for over 15 years. She started her career as a reservist working at 741 Communications Squadron in Victoria BC in 1979. She then was employed at 747 Comm Sqn (in Victoria) as a Switchboard Operator then Supervisor. Karen then moved to Wainwright Alberta in 1984 where she continued to work in the Telecommunication Section as a Switchboard Supervisor. Then in 1989 she came to 733 Communications Squadron as a Class B on SRR (Supplementary Ready Reserve). In 1990 Karen became a civilian and after working for 4 months part time she became a full time Telephone Administrator for the Squadron.



Although Karen was offered

similar jobs from private sectors, she always held out for a position within DND. She really enjoys working within Communication Squadrons where the "people are top notch and very professional". Karen finds that providing the best service possible to the people on base is very rewarding. Converting to the automated system was a relatively

easy transition; once she learned that you can't blow them up, ADP gave her all the help and support she needed. Karen enjoys training horses, cross-stitching and golf. Her ambition is to retire to Quennel BC where she already owns some land and would like to build a ranch house with "no telephones".

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CFANS Update

Course 9306 has recently returned from a very successful OTU trip. Success being measured in terms of the impeccable quality of navigation. While on the trip, 2Lt Sharpe and Lalonde became acquainted with the law at CFB Greenwood while thinking about infiltrating the base perimeter. Consequently the two young navigators got to see the inside of an MP cruiser and received a free ride home. 2Lt Sharpe was overheard saying "This is better than a cab. It's free, and we didn't even have to call for him ... he just showed up." Capt Coates demonstrated his ability to successfully use a checklist when signing out a van from Shearwater MSE. "Oil - I'm sure it's got lots. One ground power unit and two quarts of oil later, his trusty students bailed him out and limped the van back to MSE where the NCO I/C coyly stated "If he ever shows his face here again"

Judging by the condition of his present lemon, we might have expected worse. When it was determined that the van was practically a write off, Captains Grainger and Crosier quickly made a command decision to leave it to the students and go site seeing in the good van. "I had nothing better to do on a Saturday afternoon in Halifax than to clean up after the instructors" said 2Lt Johnsrude. Capt Coates has since received remedial training in basic automotive knowledge.

In bike safety news, Bill Ansell has been advising peo-

ple to exercise caution when operating brand new motorbikes on gravel roads. 2Lt Ansell has recently invested in a set of training wheels and elbow pads. "A new bike is like a new pair of jeans, it looks better after it has been stone washed," he said.

In sports news, the skins vs shirts basketball game was well. Lt York demonstrated her prowess but was obviously distracted by the bare chested Navy Studs on the other team, having never seen such well built men before. In soccer, 2Lt Lalonde tackled international soccer great Lucie Gagne numerous times. "I was going after the ball," he was heard explaining to the referee. Lucie spent most of the game running away from Kurt, but then so did everybody else. CFANS is looking forward to the upcoming Volleyball Tournament. Students are expected to be victorious again this year, with odds as high as 50 to 1. If it weren't for Capt "Volleyball" Landry, the odds would have been 50000 to 1. As fate would have it, Capt Landry will have a nasty fall the day before the tournament. In squash news, the new courts have opened recently and oddly enough, Capt "I'm stranded at the top of the ladder" Coates has started to complain about his bad shoulder again.

Congratulations to Capt Perron and his wife on the birth of their daughter. As well, congratulations to Capt Chauvette on his move to the OD section.

FOCUS ON TRAINING SYSTEM: RECRUITING UPDATE

It is widely perceived that little has been happening in the world of recruiting during the past three years. In fact, nothing could be further from the truth. Total Force Recruiting, subsidized education programs and recruiting programs on behalf of native peoples have ensured that recruiting in the Canadian Forces remains vibrant, vital and integral to the overall health of the CF.

Several years ago, as part of an ongoing effort to more closely align Regular and Reserve Force personnel, the recruiting system gradually began assuming responsibility for the Primary Reserve selection process. "Total Force Recruiting", which requires the same screening process for both regular and reserve applicants, was implemented in 1991 at a time when the Reserves were in a growth profile.

Thus between 1991 and the present, although Regular Force enrolments have remained low, this has been more than compensated for by the need to process applicants for the Reserves as they expand to meet their greater operational responsibilities. In fact, while the number of Regular Force applicants has declined, the Reserves have climbed to well over 12,000

applications a year. Furthermore, the number of people who visit Recruiting Centres to enquire about joining the Forces is in excess of 40,000 people per year.

Reserve recruiting tends to be cyclical in nature, in order to coincide with summer training concentrations. The largest intake happens just prior to the summer, with smaller intakes occurring throughout the year. Recruiting personnel must therefore be able to gear up quickly to process great amounts of inductees on short notice and then prepare for the next cycle.

Concurrently, personnel continue to recruit for all the Regular Force subsidized education programs such as the Regular Officer Training Program, which coincidentally, also reach a peak just prior to summer. This year, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of ROTP applicants and when the word gets out that processing for civilian universities will begin again, there will likely be an even larger increase next year.

Two special programs which are also busy recruiting candidates and growing in popularity are:

a. Bold Eagle Provides aboriginal youth from BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario with

benefits of military training through the Militia Summer Training Programme. All aboriginal youth who meet the CF minimum enrolment requirement and are of aboriginal status are eligible to make application under Bold Eagle. The popularity of Bold Eagle is increasing with each year that it is run.

b. Northern Native Entry Program (NNEP) Aimed at recruiting aboriginal people from the northernmost parts of Canada. The program includes the Pre-Recruit Training Course (PRTC), which is designed to aid in adjusting not only to the military regimen, but also to southern culture. Of the 210 applicants for the PRTC in 1993, 43 were found suitable for the program. Each year the popularity of the NNEP grows.

Despite continued Force reductions, infusions of new blood are constantly needed to replenish a military force regardless of its size, thus ensuring the need for recruiting. With the introduction of Total Force Recruiting, subsidized entry programs and ongoing programs on behalf of native peoples, the recruiting organization is in the midst of some fundamental changes which have demanded the very best from its personnel.

EME BRANCH 50TH ANNIVERSARY

On 15 May 1994, the EME Branch will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering support to the Canadian Forces under RCEME, LORE, LEME and EME. The RCEME was formed as a separate engineering corps of the Canadian Army on 15 May 1944. Members of the new corps were drawn from the Engineering Branch of the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps, while those from other corps joined after the War. In 1968, as a result of integration, RCEME was restructured and most of its members were amalgamated with the Mobile Support Equipment technicians of the RCAF to form the Land Ordnance Engineering (LORE) Branch. The Branch name was changed to Land

Electrical and Mechanical Engineering (LEME) in 1984. On 1 Jan 1994, the Branch was formally identified as the EME Branch. For the past 50 years, they have kept their identity as Canada's Craftsmen and have proudly provided support to the CF. Canada's Craftsmen distinguished themselves in battle in all theatres of war, including Italy, Normandy, Northwestern Europe, Korea, and the Persian Gulf. They have served throughout NATO and on most United Nations peacekeeping missions, including the former Yugoslavia and Somalia. For 50 years, their reputation as soldiers, technicians and engineers have reflected their motto - "Arte et Marte" - By Skill and By Fighting!

For the Manitoba and

Northwestern Ontario region, festivities have been planned throughout 1994. On 12 May 1994, a parade will be held at Bldg P-6 with LCol Kirkland, SSO EME, as the Reviewing Officer. A Dinner & Dance will be held at the WO's & Sgts' Mess, followed by a Sports Day at the South Site on 13 May. Memorial photos have been taken of the burial sites in the region of the Fallen Craftsmen and will be mounted on the RCEME Gates in Kingston. On 23 Sep 1994, an All-Ranks Mess Dinner will be held for all retired and serving EME personnel. On Nov 11, a RCEME Veteran and an EME Sqn Craftsman will lay a wreath at the St. James Legion Branch #4 commemorating all Fallen Craftsmen. Contact WO Jones, at 833-6080 for info.

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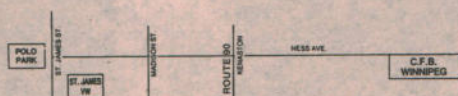
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Who's Who...

Rae Rankin, Outreach Coordinator

Rae joined the MFRC staff in December 1993 to build the Outreach/Resource Department. Having been raised in the CF and subsequently marrying a service member has provided Rae with invaluable insight into the unique challenges military families face every day.

Rae claims that no other lifestyle could possibly provide her with such rich material for her litany of humorous anecdotes. Where else would a house painter root through your underwear drawer in search of a paint "rag", and FIND one! There really is no life like it!

Rae is fluently bilingual and comes to us with extensive experience in military family



support and a flair for public relations. (And her mighty mouse impersonation is second to none!)

For Warm Line Information, a Newcomer Home Visit, Resource Library update or group presentation give Rae a call at 489-7003.

at the Military Family Resource Centre

MFRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

350 Doncaster Winnipeg MB R3N 1W8 489-7003

Annual General Meeting
1900hrs 25 May 94 at Club 90

Open to all members of the Winnipeg Military Community. This is your opportunity to input into the programs and activities of the Military Family Resource Centre

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Chairperson's Report
3. Treasurer's/Auditors Report
4. Executive Director's Report
5. Old Business
6. New Business
 - a. Elections of Board Members
7. Open Discussion
8. Adjournment

Are You Posted?

You need not arrive at your new home unprepared. The MFRC, located at 350 Doncaster Street has a Resource Library with information packages from Bases across the country. Drop in any day between 0800-1630 to browse while your children play in our lovely children's activity room.

Êtres Vous Mutez?

Vous pouvez arriver à votre nouveau domicile ayant déjà des renseignements de la région. Le CRFM, situé au 350 rue Doncaster, reçoit des troupes d'information de toutes les Bases canadiennes. Venez les lire n'importe quel jour de travail entre 08h-16h pendant que vos enfants s'amuse dans notre salle d'activité d'enfants.

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Craft Night at MFRC

Come out for an evening of fun and crafting. Barb Greason from Distinctive Crafts will be demonstrating. Barb will bring samples of crafts that you can make and take home with you. The cost is only \$10.00. Please join us on May 5 and May 12 at 350 Doncaster Street at 6:30. Register by calling Val at 489-7003.

Book Mates

Family Literacy offers a program designed to prepare parents of young children to encourage their child's developing literacy. The program promotes positive reading, writing and discussion activities for families, use of the local library, and the building of a family library.

Parents and children both attend the series of four workshops. Activities are planned for children as a group, for parents as a group, and for parents and children together.

Each family in the workshop series will receive books to add to their family library and will be able to borrow books, puzzles and games each week. There is no cost for attending the workshop series.

Time: June 8-June 29 Wed Eves 6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m., Place: Lipsett hall Nursery School Room, Fee: No cost. To register please call Val Hudson at MFRC 489-7003.

Is Your Spouse Away?

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Spring Craft Fair

The Military Family Resource Centre participated in the Spring Craft Fair held at the Kapyong Barracks Drill Hall on March 19. Nursery School Program Coordinator, Wendy Richardson donned a bunny suit and handed out chocolate eggs. MFRC Counselling Coordinator, Beth Rogers, looks on.

MFRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Read Canada!

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The Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC) will be offering a remedial reading program at our North-site facility at 54 Bourkewood Place on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. This program will begin on 2 February 1994 and continue until 1 June 1994.

The program will take the form of a reading club. Each child will have a peer reading partner facilitated by Sharon Otto who is a certified teacher and a volunteer at the MFRC.

If you have children who might benefit from the reading club, please have a parent/guardian contact Val Hudson, Quality of Life Coordinator, at the MFRC 489-7003. Membership fee \$5.00.

Need an Afternoon Off? Or To Do Your Groceries?

Lipsett Hall Nursery School offers drop-off child care on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. We will provide care for children 18 months to six years. The fee will be \$3.00 per hour for the first child and \$1.00 more for a second child in the same family. All children must be pre-registered and reservations must be made 24 hours in advance.

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Lightning Fencing Club
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The 17 Wing Lightning Fencing Club was well represented recently at the Manitoba Provincial Fencing Championships (Golden Bowl), which took place April 9th and 10th here in Winnipeg. In the Mens Epee event Captain David Howes fenced strongly to win the silver medal. Three junior epeeists, Jason Lozie, Andrew Courtage and David Lozie fenced against tough competition to finish 6th, 7th and 8th respectively. In the Womens Foil event, Junior Cassandra Lozie, had her best tournament this year finishing 6th. Congratulations go to all the fencers for their

terrific swordsmanship!

All five Lightning fencers will be travelling to Saskatoon in May for the Western Canadian Fencing Championships. The four junior competitors are also training on the Canada Winter Games Squad in their bid to make the provincial fencing team which will compete in Grande Prairie, Alberta at the 1995 Canada Winter Games.

The 17 Wing Lightning Fencing Club began in September of 1993, and is presently in its third term of Beginner Foil. The club offers both recreational and competitive training to both children

Nursery School

This program is held at the Lipsett Hall Nursery School on Wednesday afternoons from 1:15 - 2:45 p.m. and costs \$25 for a ten week session. This program is the first step toward nursery school. Here's a chance for parents and young children to come together to create and play. The toddler/pre-schooler can explore the world of arts, music, movement and story. Parent participation is required. The next session will start on 13 April 94. For more information or to register, please contact the Nursery School at 833-6846.

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and adults. This adult programme runs every Friday evening at Lipsett Hall from 1900 to 2100h. New members take the beginner course, in which the equipment is provided, to learn the basic skills of the sport of fencing, and experienced fencers are always welcomed. The junior programme for girls and boys aged 9 to 14 takes place every Tuesday from 1630 to 1730 at Lipsett Hall.

Look for more details about fencing in the upcoming Sports issue or contact Head Coach Patti Howes at 489-3404 for more information. Best of luck at the Westerns!

PROMOTION

Cpl Dave Payne a Photographic Technician of Wing Imaging section was recently promoted from Pte. Shown making the presentation of new chevrons are W Imaging Officer, Lt Pierre Theriault and NCO i/c, Sgt FL Price. (Photo by Cpl Ken Allan)



THE JAMESPORT CURLING CHALLENGE



City Councillor Bill Clement throws the opening rock in the Jamesport Curling Challenge, with the D Comd AIRCOM, MGen Cuppens, and the W Comd, Col Proulx acting as sweepers. Each year curling teams from the base take on teams from the City of Winnipeg in this bonspiel to foster good relations. The city and the base have a good relationship, and this bonspiel helps ensure it continues by enabling city councillors and staff to meet base personnel. (Photo by: Pte Dave Payne, 17 Wing Winnipeg)

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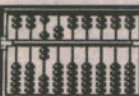
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The W Admin O, LCol T.A. Bailey, presented Special Service Medals for service in NATO and Alert, to Admin Branch personnel at a ceremony held in the WHQ, 9 Mar 94. The ceremony was coordinated by the W Admin Branch Chief, CPOI P. Barefoot. Recipients from left to right: MWO A. Brazeau, W PERI; LCdr L. Roy, W Chap/RC; MCpl B. Dempsey, W Stwd; WO I. Karpenic, WOR Supr; MCpl M. Fairfax, W Stwd; Cpl J.F. Leblanc, MPO 400; Cpl B. Bruce, WOR; Sgt C. Beland, W Accn; Cpl P. Janz, WOR; Sgt R. Bouchard, W PERI; Maj S.G. Hopkins, W Chap/P; Cpl T. MacKay, W PERI; and W Admin O, LCol T.A. Bailey. (Photo by Cpl DE Desrochers, 17 Wing)

733 COMMUNICATION SQUADRON

CF FITNESS AWARD FOR AEROBIC EXCELLENCE

Lt Sylvain Morin was awarded the Silver Seal for Aerobic Excellence. The Silver Seal represents the member's Fifth Level of the Third Scroll of achievement in this program and over 34,000 aerobic points accumulated, with each 2,000 points being completed in two years or less. Congratulations Sylvain!

PROMOTIONS

Major Albright has been busy handing out promotions. Ptes John Peters and Ken Mills received their first chevron on 21 Nov 93 and from privates to corporals are Carl Bruce, Chuck Leclerc, and Gerry Theile. Privates are becoming an endangered species around the 733 Communications Squadron. (See Photos Below)

NHL GOLD

733 Communication Squadron's hockey team, the Pioneers won the gold medal and are the current A Division champs of the Noon Hockey League (NHL). They won 2-1 against 1 CEU/CE on 28 March 94. (See photo page 11)



Pte John Peters



Cpl Carl Bruce



Cpl Chuck Leclerc



Cpl Gerry Thiele

PRE



MajGen (retired) H.C. Pitts, MC, CD, Colonel of the Regiment, PPCLI presents Sgt KL Lewis with the Regimental achievement award for placing first on the Senior Leaders Course 9308 at CFB Borden.



MajGen (retired) H.C. Pitts, MC, CD, Colonel of the Regiment, PPCLI presents Lt RC Turner, CD with the Regimental achievement award.

AWARDS



Cpl Jeff Watt is shown receiving a 402 Sqn Achievement Award from the ASO Capt D. Caplan. Jeff, an Aero Engine Technician employed with ASO #3 crew displayed a "fine eye" in noticing a split flap condition on a CT-114 aircraft.



Mr. Ed Lypchuk, WCE Building System Manager for Air Command Headquarters was presented with a Suggestion Award by the W Log O, LCol Smith recently. All Ed's friends and co-workers at Wing CE wish to congratulate him on this occasion..keep up the good work Ed.

PRESENTATIONS



MajGen (retired) H.C. Pitts, MC, CD, Colonel of the Regiment, PPCLI presents Cpl WJ Sinclair with the Regimental achievement award for placing first on the Infantry Section Commanders Course 9302 in CFB Wainwright.



MajGen (retired) H.C. Pitts, MC, CD, Colonel of the Regiment, PPCLI presents Sgt MP Mullin, CD with his CD



MajGen (retired) H.C. Pitts, MC, CD, Colonel of the Regiment, PPCLI presents Cpl JA Thompson, CD with his CD.



MajGen (retired) H.C. Pitts, MC, CD, Colonel of the Regiment, PPCLI presents Leading Seaman PR Chartrand with his SSM.



MajGen (retired) H.C. Pitts, MC, CD, Col of the Regiment, PPCLI presents Alpha Company with the Hamilton Gault Skill-At-Arms trophy.

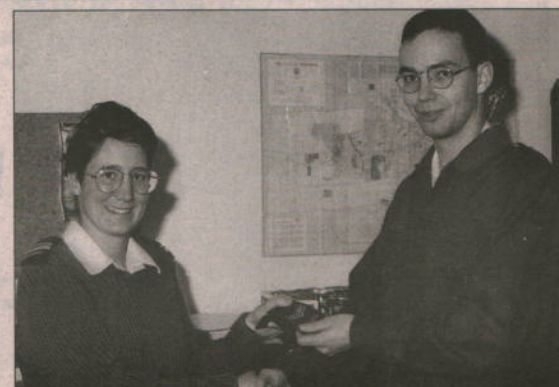


MajGen (retired) H.C. Pitts, MC, CD, Colonel of the Regiment, PPCLI presents Talks with Cpl Best during the inspection of the Battalion.

AIRCRAFT REPAIR ORGANIZATION (ARO) PROMOTIONS



Cpl Honka who works with Dash 8 maintenance as a Integral Systems Tech, was promoted to that rank on 6 Apr 94. Congratulations on a well deserved promotion.



Cpl Doucet, an Airframe Tech with Dash 8 maintenance, received his promotion to that rank on 15 Mar 94. Congratulations Richard from all the crew in ARO.

436 TRANSPORT SQUADRON 50TH ANNIVERSARY

436 Transport Squadron will commemorate 50 years of service during the period 23 to 25 September 1994. The celebrations will take place over the three day period at 8 Wing Trenton, Ontario. All former serving members of the Squadron and Burma Star members as well as families and guests are invited to share with us in these celebrations. Any questions should be directed to 436 Transport Squadron, 8 Wing Trenton, Astra Ontario, KOK 1B0. Telephone (613)965-2602. Fax (613)965-7275.



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JUDO CLUB NEWS 12 MAR 94 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

The closed Provincial Tournament was held this year in Portage La Prairie, the competition is between Manitobans only. There are 19 Judo clubs in Manitoba, and competitors from all clubs were present. The Base club was well represented as 25 of our members competed with distinction. Our competitors brought back 13 medals, one of them was Gold which makes Ken Kohinski who earned it, a Provincial Champion, well done Kenny. Presently our members continue to train for the Manitoba open which is held at the University of

Manitoba on 07 May 94. This is the last tournament of the season, but is usually the largest as many competitors from across Canada and the United States attend.

GIRLS 13 and under

Jessica Delaney
SILVER -35 KG
Megan Hidson
BRONZE -45 KG

WOMEN 14 and over

Sarah Broughton
SILVER -61 KG
Anjolie Demers
BRONZE -52 KG

BOYS 13 and under

Scott McNeil SILVER -30 KG

Jerrad Campbell
BRONZE -30 KG
Dan McNeil
SILVER -35 KG
James Broughton
BRONZE -50 KG
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1 CEU, 93-94 'A' Div Finalist.

Another Season Comes to an End

What started back on 14 Oct ended on the 28 Mar 94 with 733 defeating ICEU for the 'A' DIV Championship by a score of 4-2. On the 29 Mar, CFANS outskated the Sarges to win 2-1.

A long season considering the Jets finished on the 14 Apr, Ha Ha!

After so many games this year, it came down to the last couple of games in both the 'A' and 'B' Div before knowing who was in the finals.

Congratulations to 733's Mcpl Fairfax top scorer of the 'A' Div with 44 points and the Sarges Cpl Campbell of the 'B' Div with 50 Pts.

A special thanks to P02 McKenzie, CPOI Barefoot, Cpl Meister and Cpl Majore who all contributed to the success of the NOON HOUR HOCKEY LEAGUE.

Best of luck over the summer.



733 Comm Sqn, 93-94 NHL 'A' Div Champions



CFANS, 93-94 NHL 'B' Div Finalist.



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Congratulations also goes out to Cpl Bonello who was presented the Sgt Glen Macleod Trophy, an award given annually to the player who best displays sportsmanship to the game of hockey.

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Card holders.

Dependent passes are not valid 'Privilege Cards'. The weight room, sauna and squash courts are restricted to pers of 16 years of age or older.

Black soled shoes will not be allowed on the squash courts nor the gymnasium, also, street shoes will not be allowed.

The lifeguard is authorized

to refuse access to the pool to those children who are not able to stand flat footed in the shallow end.

All personnel who wish to use the facilities must be in the possession of a valid recreation card or privilege card, if they do not have one they will not be permitted access.

Steak Nite

BBQ Pit Opening WO's & Sgt's Mess Friday 29 April 94

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Advance ticket cut-off by 26 April 94

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Food served at 1800hrs.
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cesear salade, condiments)

Music; DJ DKL, music to start at 1930hrs.

450 SQUADRON REUNION WEEKEND

450 Sqn will receive its Colours as the centrepiece of a three day reunion weekend to be held in Ottawa 2-3 July 1994.

All former members and associates of 450 Sqn are invited to attend the festivities to renew old friendships

and make new ones.

To receive further correspondence please provide your name, address and phone number to Capt Michael Pelletier, tel: (613) 991-2127, FAX: (613) 993-4531 or write to the above address.

Silver Heights Community Centre

Silver Heights Community Centre welcomes the residents of Westwin to our Club and invites you to attend our Annual General Meeting, Wednesday, May 11th at 6:30pm. There are a number of positions vacant on the Executive, so if you have a few hours a month to spare and a willingness to get involved in the community, please join us.

The next Pre-teen Dance is Friday, May 27th, 7-9pm, for grades 4, 5 & 6 only. Moms and Dads are welcome too. Admission is \$2.00.

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Mark your calendars - May 8 Mother's Day. We will be celebrating Mothers from 1-4pm with a Chinese food (late lunch/early supper). There will be flowers for all ladies. baby sitting is available upstairs. we are asking \$2 per child to offset the cost. A McDonald's lunch will be provided for the kid's.

This function must be RSVP. By the time you read this the food reservations will have already been made. If you are not reached by our phone committee please phone Renee Cheeseman 889-5351 TODAY! If you are not on our confirmed guest list we will not have enough food for you or have babysitters. You need not be a mother to attend!

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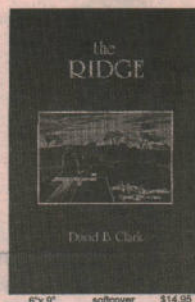
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A WORD FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Lucien Roy, Wing Chaplain (RC), 17 Wing

The Easter Celebrations that were launched a few weeks ago are continuing in our Parishes. Easter is at the heart and the very core of our Christian Faith. There are valuable lessons to be drawn from Easter, lessons destined to enrich our own lives. Let me share some of these with you.

Easter would have never taken place had Jesus not given himself in the manner that he did. He gave himself, totally, holding nothing back; He gave his Life and on Easter morning, he rose more alive than

ever. This tells us something of the value of giving one's self. By giving of ourselves, we can enrich the lives of many. By giving of ourselves, we also open our lives to the world outside ourselves, and thus, in the giving of ourselves, we can find, in ourselves, a wealth never suspected. We never become poorer in the giving of ourselves; quite to the contrary, the gift of ourselves makes us richer in the ways that really count.

During his Passion, Jesus experienced suffering, abandonment, betrayal, humiliation and loneliness before experiencing death. Death led to the Resurrection. Death did not

get the last word for it was conquered by Life; Life got the last word. Let us remember this in these moments when we ourselves experience suffering, betrayal, humiliation and deception and when we are experiencing death, the death of a loved one and our own death. Jesus died in order to conquer death. Thus, human history ends well, for it ends with the victory of the Resurrection. This human history is our own. Jesus has changed the course of this history. The Mystery of Easter teaches us that Death leads to Life.

Keep smiling!

UN MOT DE L'AUMONIER

Lucien Roy, Aumônier catholique, 17e Escadre

Les Célébrations Pascales qui eurent lieu il y quelques semaines ont donné naissance à une suite de Célébrations qui se continuent dans nos Paroisses. Pâques est au cœur de la Foi chrétienne et il est important que nous réalisions l'impact de cette fête dans notre quotidien. Dans le Mystère Pascal, nous trouvons des leçons qui éclairent notre quotidien.

Pâques n'aurait pas eu lieu si Jésus ne s'était pas donné; il a fait don de lui-même, il s'est donné sans réserve. Il a donnée sa vie et il s'est levé au matin de Pâques plus vivant que jamais. Nous apprenons ici la valeur du don: lorsque

nous donnons, ou encore mieux, lorsque nous nous donnons, nous enrichissons la vie de notre milieu, mais en nous donnant, nous permettons à notre milieu d'enrichir notre propre vie.

Jésus a connu, durant sa Passion, la souffrance, l'abandon, l'humiliation et le découragement avant de goûter à la mort. La souffrance et la mort l'ont conduit à la Résurrection. Le mal n'a pas eu le dernier mot car la mort a été vaincue par la vie. Souvenons-nous de ceci dans nos propres moments de souffrance, d'abandon, de découragement et d'humiliation et de mort: le mal n'a pas le dernier mot; Jésus l'a subi pour le vaincre. Ainsi en Jésus, l'histoire humaine se ter-

mine sur une note de victoire, la victoire de la Résurrection. L'histoire humaine, c'est notre propre histoire, à chacun de nous. Jésus en a changé la vie. Le Mystère de Pâques nous apprend que la mort conduit à la vie.



Base Beauty and Bargains

If you haven't read this article in the Community Connections, here's your chance.

Want some new ideas on economizing space? Tried of the same old PMQ? Have a unique look you'd like to share with others? Want to shop or decorate on a budget? Then I may have the answers for you. My goal is to share with other military families YOUR creative ideas and unique designs on how to economize on space, decorate on a budget, organize efficiently, and most of all, shop for bargains.

Here are a few ideas that have worked for me and will hopefully work for you:

1) COUPON ORGANIZER:

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2PPCLI MAINTENANCE PLATOON REMEMBERS...

Those were the days, back in the real war. It is hard to believe that 6 months have passed since our tour to Croatia was completed. Things were simple back then...vehicles and equipment that broke were repaired. Recoveries were sometimes complicated when vehicles broke down between Serb and Croat positions, or when the Maint O came along to navigate, but overall, it was straight forward. Things back here in garrison get complicated by CO's parades, OC's parades, platoon parades, sports parades, radiation safety inspections, general safety inspections, fire safety inspections, environmental inspections, and it just never ends. When can we just work??

How I miss the simple days of deployment. Back in the real war (please pardon my light hearted reference to Croatia) we had a 52 man platoon responsible for all first and second line repairs. Normally the unit maintenance platoon has first line repair resources only. The integral second line capability was crucial to the unit's operational effectiveness and was a significant contribution to the impressively low VOR of 4% on average. The VOR in the unit today is about 40%. (mind

you that is artificially high due to the Annual Technical INSPECTION!) Anyway, we also had 9 reservists attached to the platoon. They were as follows: 1 x R411 Warrant Officer, 6 x R411 Corporals, 1 x R911 Corporal, and 1 x R031 Corporal. There has never been any other deployment in EME history (in this authors memory!!) where such a high percentage of EME reservists has been deployed. It worked out well as they all had reasonable to very good experience and knowledge.

It is worth highlighting that all of the reservist vehicle technicians (R411) were depended on to perform in all facets of the trade. The ability to employ the vehicle technicians in the tracked, wheeled, and recovery sections was essential to the smooth operations of the unit, particularly when the leave periods were in effect (for the middle four months) and 25 percent of the platoon was gone at any

given time. I emphasize that the reservists were employed all areas of the vehicle tech trade. This flexibility of employment may disappear. Over the past couple years, the

to allow the reservist gain the respective QL training in a reasonable time. (Note that training packages have only been developed for R411A, R411 B, and R411 E) A regular force QL3 vehicle tech course is about 6 months long whereas the reservist QL3 course is approximately 45 training days, as a result of the specialization. (R411E is only 15 days) The first question you may ask is why would any first line maint platoon



involved in UN operations want a R411E recovery tech? I don't have an answer to that. Certainly a recovery tech would not provide the versatile employment that I would expect out of a R411A wheeled repair tech, or a R411B tracked repair tech. I do not wish to belittle the difficulty of executing a complex recovery. However, I would be prepared to sacrifice the recovery expertise on the reservist side in order to gain repair expertise. Obviously the trade off is that

- EME branch has started to simplify and shorten the training for a reservist vehicle technician by breaking down the 411 trade into 5 subclassifications as follows:
- R411A - wheeled vehicle repair
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 - R411C - engineering heavy equipment repair
 - R411 D - aircraft ground support equipment repair
 - R411 E - recovery
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we can get a reservist trained to regular force standards in only 15 days and there certainly are situations where that would be beneficial - Croatia was not one of them.

Well, I've digressed here quite a bit. I did want to tell you about how some of us maintainers are getting away from the rat race of garrison routine. We are taking part in the 1994 RCEME 50th Anniversary Skill at Arms competition in Borden Ontario. It is a military skills competition that involves 13 hard-core maintainers from both Base Maintenance and 2 PPCLI Maintenance Platoon. The team competition must be completed within a 19 hours timeframe and involves basically a 50 km route march in fighting order with 12 skill testing events enroute, such as expedient recovery, casualty evacuation, C7 shooting, night navigation etc. It should prove to be quite challenging and the team has been training very hard to ensure victory.

So we will be in Wainwright from mid-Apr to mid-May and mid-Jun to mid-Jul. Life doesn't get any simpler. Very much looking forward to the deployment road rally and the overnighter in the posh Dundurn resorts. Trail party will party, see you there!



LCol Calvin welcomes one of 87 Direct Entry Soldiers and gives him his new cap badge. (Jan 94)

From the "Quick Pics"

By Pte Cheeseman, 9PI C Coy

In early January some ninety personnel were taken on strength in the Second Battalion in Winnipeg. Sworn in in December, our prerequisites had to include either a UN tour or any other previous time served with the regular forces.

Upon hitting the ground, we knew not how we would be treated. Direct entry allowed us to enter the Infantry without first having to complete battle school and some of us expected a certain degree of animosity. However, even though we were quickly dubbed the "quick picks" and endured tactful witticisms, we were treated fairly and efficiently and were soon deployed to our Companies.

Refresher training commenced immediately; training

that was mostly orientated to weapons handling and IA drills. For many, the drills were boring and redundant, but a few of us did require the training on weapons that we hadn't handled in years. Following PWT's, we readied our equipment for our main winter exercise in Shilo, an event that all non-previous prairie duellers were "well looking forward to".

Despite our hasty swearing in in December, which was initiated by early morning telephone offers, the majority of us are satisfied with our decision to become members of 2PPCLI and will continue to remain in service after our three year contract has ended. We look forward to the months ahead spent in Louisiana, Wainwright, and areas overseas.

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extended hours with little to do. By keeping myself constantly busy participating in activities that were outside my normal scope of duties, I kept boredom from setting in. In my experience, it is better to be doing anything than nothing.

When I saw something wrong I applied, "Anybody can ignore the rules". This often resulted in conflicts. Individuals tend to dislike being advised they are not in compliance with regulations but, that young corporal will never again walk down the street in uniform with a cigarette hanging from his mouth. Further, those who witnessed him will not be subjected to the same poor military image.

Before a supervisor can expect to raise the work ethics of subordinates, that individual must be prepared to display the desired qualities. If the necessary knowledge and skills are not already in that supervisor's tool kit of talents, the effort must be put forth to obtain them. I philosophize this with "Anybody knows what needs to be done." The somebody must also know how to get done what needs doing. I have always felt my subordinates, being administrative support personnel, should possess above average written communication skills. As I considered this, I began

to question my own skills. I chose to hone my abilities first by going back to school. With the support of my unit, I was able to complete several college level English courses.

Though I attended classes during normal work hours, this did not turn out to be a cake walk. I still had to maintain my own work load as well as try to compensate my

was in a position to assist my staff to raise theirs.

Another area I had a look at was complaints. Being an administrator, one quickly begins to appreciate that no system, despite how meticulously planned, is perfect. Nor will any system provide all things desired by all people. To develop a complaint is easy. "Anyone can complain."

The development of a solution to address a complaint is the hard part. I learned early never to complain unless I had a possible solution. Timely handling of unsatisfactory situations can normally be effected by early identification of possible solutions. If no solution is apparent I ask myself "Is this really a complaint or is it just a whine?"

I have found it is generally easier to be the 'anybody' in the short run. Being the 'somebody' is more rewarding and often more comfortable. I suppose the final phrase is "Anybody can have a career they are not proud of."

Through this process, a flip-pant and casual remark was worked into a philosophy that can be applied to all aspects of an individual's professional career and personal life. A little extra effort is often involved but then, aren't you worth it?



staff for the additional tasks they were required to handle. There were also many evening and weekend hours devoted to the advancement of my studies. Because of the nature of my quest, I could not settle for obtaining just a passing grade; anybody could do that!; I had to do the absolute best I could. This required considerable effort, the same type of effort I wanted to get from my staff! After raising my own abilities, I

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