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1st AAR Mission in Persian Gulf



Camp Cantank R Us, Kuwait - Canada's Air Force completed the first operational air-to-air refueling mission over the Persian Gulf late afternoon, 5 March 1998. A KCC-130 Hercules aircraft from 435 Squadron, Winnipeg touched down at Kuwait International Airport at 4:05 p.m. local time to complete the mission.

The first operational mission provided fuel to two US Navy F/A-18s. The two aircraft were refueled simultaneously in approximately five minutes.

"I am extremely proud that 435 Squadron can now add this first operational air refueling mission to its long history of providing air transport service to the armed forces in Canada and around the globe," said LCol Chris Colton, Canadian Detachment Commander, 435 Squadron Kuwait. "I am even more proud of the Detachment's 114 men and women whose dedicated efforts over a period of three and one half days progressed from basically no supporting infrastructure to a complete and fully operational detachment. To get that first mission completed in such a short period of time is absolutely amazing."

435 Squadron has been carrying out refueling in a training or exercise environment since the squadron took on the additional role in 1992. The completion of this mission marks the first time 435 Squadron has provided the service in an operational environment. The aircraft

receiving fuel are participating in Operation Southern Watch, the multinational enforcement of the no-fly zone over southern Iraq.

The Canadian aircraft do not actually fly in Iraqi airspace. They are literally a flying gas station, usually orbiting over the Persian Gulf. Their clients are enroute to or from the no-fly zone to aircraft carriers or airbases in the Gulf area. The air refueling option allows the fighters to extend their operational range prior to returning to their home base or ship.

The 435 Squadron Detachment Kuwait, nicknamed Camp Cantank R Us, is located on one of the airport's civilian ramps. There are currently 114 Canadian Forces personnel in Kuwait City from air bases across Canada to support the two KCC-130 Hercules aircraft normally based at 17 Wing Winnipeg. The majority of the airmen and women are from 17 Wing Winnipeg.



Above: The flight crew of "Rebel 12", a 435 Sqn Det Kuwait KCC-130, walk to their aircraft on their way to completing the air force's first operational air-to-air refueling mission. It was carried out over the Persian Gulf on March 5, 1998. The crew is part of the 114-person 435 Sqn Det Kuwait unit stationed at the Kuwait International Airport as part of Operation Determination.



Left: One of two US Navy F/A-18s makes contact with the refueling pod from a 435 Sqn Det Kuwait KCC-130. This is the first aircraft to receive fuel from a Canadian refueling aircraft on an operational mission. The mission took place somewhere over the Persian Gulf at 2:40 p.m. on March 5, 1998. The F/A-18s are part of a multi-national force enforcing the no-fly zone over southern Iraq. Photos by MCpl Rick Rutledge

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VOXVIEWS

Seeing the forest from the trees... not an easy task

By Major CM Walton-Simm, Managing Editor

A few weeks ago a number of individuals expressed their concerns with regard to the possible disposal of unused land at 17 Wing. These concerns range from the potential for increased noise levels to the loss of a valuable nature area. This article will address this issue, with particular emphasis on the factors which are forcing the Wing to consider disposal of unused land.

The basic impetus for the Wing to dispose of surplus Crown properties stems from Treasury Board (TB) and Departmental directives aimed at reducing Crown holdings and associated expenses and liabilities:

- TB (Federal Real Property Policies) has directed custodians for Crown properties to review the real property under their administration. 17 Wing, as custodian of the DND properties in Winnipeg, must be able to link the real property it holds to its program requirements and confirm that current use is appropriate. In the case of unused land, to justify retention, 17 Wing must develop a strategic plan to relate its real property holdings to future program delivery. Excess property is to be disposed of by sale or transfer;
- NDHQ has directed Wings and Bases to transfer common use roadways and associated services to appropriate municipalities, to reduce local Operation & Maintenance (O&M) costs and other liabilities to the Department. For 17 Wing, this would include transferring Whytewold Road (Silver Avenue to Saskatchewan Avenue) and Air Force Way/London Road (Silver Avenue Hangar Line Road); and
- Funding for Payment in Lieu of Taxes or PILT (property taxes

the Department pays to municipalities for land and infrastructure) has been devolved to Wings and Bases. It is clearly in a Wing's best interests to ensure that these payments are minimized. If it is concluded that current real property usage is inappropriate or that unused land is unlikely to be required, then appropriate action must be taken to ensure that our PILT payments are reduced.

In view of the above factors, negotiations related to a possible exchange of lands and transfer of streets and services between The City of Winnipeg and 17 Wing (on behalf of the DND) are underway. Land appraisals have been conducted to establish Current Market Values, an Engineering Infrastructure Conditions Assessment was performed and a clarification was sought concerning the obligations on future land owners resulting from Provincial Natural Resources policies. Further details cannot be divulged at this time, these negotiations are complex and delicate, and the final outcome will be contingent on approval by City Council, our higher HQ and eventually TB.

Our 17 Wing staff have and continue to put a lot of energy into these matters and are well aware that property disposal projects are of interest and concern to our personnel, particularly those living in the vicinity of the land parcels in question. Wing staff are doing their best to accommodate and safeguard these interests, while working within very tight timelines and other severe constraints. Regrettably, to this point, there has been no time to spare from actual negotiations in which to set out the broad terms of the proposal for general information. As these disposal actions mature however, I will have the opportunity of shedding more light on these details for our readers.

Last of the good-byes

By Capt Laferrière, 17 Wing Public Affairs Officer

The waiting area at 17 Wing's 1 Air Movement Squadron was filled with excitement and apprehension in the days before two CC-150 Polaris aircraft left with the last 80 CF personnel deployed to participate in Operation Determination. The two groups, primarily from 17 Wing (Winnipeg) and 8 Wing (Trenton) deployed in late February to join the advance party and two KCC-130 Hercules crews based in Kuwait City.

After more than a full week on a 24 hour-stand-by, the time had come for the personnel forming the detachment's main body to say good-bye to loved ones.

With 16 years in the service, MCpl Beattie, a load master with 435 Transport and Rescue Squadron explained that he is used to such deployments and extended periods away from home. His common-law wife, Michelle Trach, understands her husband's work, but is sad to see him go, "[deployments] are part of his job, but I'm not looking forward to his absence".

Cpl Roache, a member of 17 Wing's military police section, is one of the few women to participate in Operation Determination. She explained that saying goodbye to four year-old son Cameron was difficult, "I had to explain to him why I was going away. I told him that we're going [to the Middle-East] to help people, other families who are not as fortunate as we are. He liked that idea. It made him feel really good."

The detachment's primary role is to provide tactical air to air refueling to allied aircraft, and will not be involved in direct combat operation. As such, it will operate in what MGen MacDonald, 1 CAD Commander, described as a low risk environment. "Our assessment is that the threat to our personnel is very low and of course, the environment has improved dramati-

cally since the initial announcement of our participation in Operation Determination," he said.

This latest and final deployment brings the air force involvement in Operation Determination to a total of 114 CF personnel. The detachment is mainly composed of ground and flying crews from 435 Transport and Rescue Squadron, but also includes support personnel such as administrative clerks, logisticians and traffic technicians from other units.



Letter to the Editor

Great story by Michael and Sally. Often people react with...GO's to situations but then they laugh about it. Life in the military - there is no place like it.

On the more serious side, I found the story amusing and interesting. Looking forward to reading more of them.

Cheers!

Capt N. Whalen

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FEBRUARY 10, 1998

Dear Editor,

Imagine if 400 people in your community - friends, neighbours, family - all started coughing and hacking, barely able to get their breath. Now imagine them stone cold dead.

Now picture that happening in 100 other communities across Canada each year to get a clear picture of just how ugly the carnage is.

Health Canada tells us that tobacco-related diseases kill over 40,000 Canadians a year. That's 40,000 preventable deaths. The next closest cause of preventable death is traffic deaths, which includes drunk driving, and kill only 4,000 in comparison. The ratio is 10 to 1 between them, and tobacco accounts for 80% of all preventable deaths. But tobacco deaths? Hey, why get excited? Just one of those things - if people want to smoke, they'll smoke. Except...except if 40,000 Canadians are dying of tobacco related diseases it's pretty obvious that a lot of your neighbours got hooked at a young age and couldn't shake the habit as adults. That hardly seems fair.

If we, as a society, aren't willing to make an effort to prevent addiction among young people, we might as well give up on the whole concept of education. If we're willing to accept that kids will be kids, and they're bound to smoke and there's nothing that can be done about it, we're saying that we not only can't provide education for the work place, we can't even get through to many of our kids about something more basic than math - that is, how to keep breathing.

And yet for all we know about smoking, Health Canada estimates that almost 30% of youth between 15 and 19 smoke.

The federal government has committed itself to spending \$10 million a year for five years to educate people and enforce regulations, and another \$10 million a year for what it calls "smoking prevention and cessation programs" for young people. That's not only bureaucrat speak, it's a puny amount of money, particularly compared to the \$2.03 billion (that's 2000 million) that the federal government taxed tobacco products in 1996 alone.

Passed before the election, Bill C-71, limits cigarette promotion and advertising. Another nice gesture, but without enough muscle to counter the tobacco companies' relentless propaganda campaign to attract fresh new lungs. Nice, but still far from enough. There's much more we can do.

Here's how we can make the tobacco companies use a tiny fraction of their huge profits to really tackle the issue of smoking among Canadian youth. After all, tobacco companies have told us, in wide-eyed sincerity, that they would love kids to stay away from their products. But, darn it all, they just can't seem to stop these kids. Let's take a bit of their money and help them in their noble crusade.

I am introducing a private member's bill that will place a levy of 50¢ a carton on cigarettes - an amount that my friends in the police tell me, won't take us back to the days of widespread smuggling. If passed, the bill will generate \$120 million a year.

Half the money - \$60 million - will go to a foundation that works at arm's-length from the government, a foundation that will award grants to community organizations that come up with programs to help young people either kick the habit or avoid it. That sum will climb by \$20 million a year for five years, then stabilize at \$120 million a year.

The bill will provide \$50 million in the first year to help the arts and sports industries find new sponsors for the money provided by tobacco sponsors. This transitional funding will decrease by \$10 million a year and disappear after five years.

Finally, there will be \$10 million a year for tobacco farmers, to help them switch to new crops. Again, that will decrease by \$2 million a year each year for five years, at which point new crops should be self-sustaining.

We are desperately trying to revamp our approach to education to give all our young people a chance at improving their minds and landing a good job. Let's do one more thing. Let's use the tobacco company's money to find creative ways of getting the message across that brains won't take you anywhere after your lungs and heart conk out.

Write your MP that there is a private member's bill coming out of the Senate that deserves his or her support. Tell the Prime Minister's office as well. Ask others in your community to write as well (remember no postage necessary). Together we can make a difference.

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All for one & one for all...

By Capt J. Tardivel

All three CFRETS schools located at the Saint-Jean Garrison united to offer the Officer Indoctrination Course (OIC) for officers commissioned from the ranks (CFR) in a novel five week formula. In the past, this course was conducted at CFB Chilliwack, but for over a year now it has been offered by the CF Leadership and Recruit School (CFLRS). Since this transfer, the staff of CFLRS thought it would be time to review the course in light of the new environment offered in Saint-Jean.

Following a needs assessment conducted by Captains Laliberté, Fontaine and Plourde from CFLRS, the better ways of fulfilling the specific needs of the CFR were explored. A repetition of the Senior Leader Course or the Basic Officer Training Course were not really what was needed. Capt Laliberté explored the possibilities of offering a more adapted program with Maj Chris Desrosiers, Team Leader of the General Management Education team at the CF Management Development School (CFMDS). These discussions resulted in CFMDS offering a dedicated serial of it's Middle Management and Leadership Development Course (MMLDC) as the main body of the CFR training program.

The MMLDC is a three-week course aimed at exploring and integrating the principles and techniques of leadership and management. The course is conducted with an adult education philosophy where the participants take responsibility for their learning and share their experience in syndicates. Two additional weeks complete the CFR program, that is the first and the last weeks. During this period, the staff from CFLRS provide training on topics such as the history of the officer corps, the transition to the officer status and staff procedures.

Having also identified that the participants would need to improve their writing abilities in their mother tongue, the CF Language School (CFLS) was brought into the picture. Capt Fontaine arranged with Mrs. M. Huot-Côté, pedagogical director of the teaching services at CFLS, for the implementation of a customized program offering three one-hour sessions given three days a week.

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Ventilation controls will be upgraded throughout the North and South bases without compromising existing comfort levels, while at the same time be in conformance with the ASHRAE and environmental regulations. Changes in lighting will create more even lighting levels and continuity of colors throughout the base.

The efficiency of the Central Heating Plant will be improved by changes to the controls, the addition of heat reclaim devices mounted in the exhaust stacks, adding variable speed drives (VSD's) on fans and pumps and retrofitting steam traps. Some of this work can and will be done with DND staff.

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Gold Medal Performance

By Maj D. Hamilton

The 1998 Nagano Winter Olympics is already old news and in the history books with the Canadian team delivering

unprecedented success - 15 medals. While everyone enjoyed following the up's and down's of these Olympic contests the staff at 435 Squadron Aircraft Maintenance and Engineering Organization (SAMEO) were busy rising to a challenge of a different kind. Like many others across 17 Wing, the Olympics took a back seat to the professional demands of preparing and delivering Operation Determination.

Other VOXAIR articles have already described the basic details of Op Determination but the whole story behind the immense preparations is not as well known. Despite the fact that considerable personal speculation existed, Op Determination only came into being, with the government's decision on 9 Feb 98, to send a Canadian Naval Frigate and two CC130HT aerial refueling capable aircraft to participate with allied nations in enforcing UN inspections of Iraq. The government's decision came with little notice and high expectations. The challenge set before 17 Wing and 435 Sqn was to assemble, prepare and launch two aircraft and necessary support to operate in theatre for up to six months with a high fly-rate. The most formidable aspect of the challenge was to do so within the nebulous as soon as possible (ASAP) timeframe.

As one would expect in meeting this task, some decisions were easy and others difficult. Within the CF's fleet of CC130 Hercules aircraft (a/c) only 5 are HT (tanker) variants. One of these aircraft is the prototype committed to the Avionics Update Project. This then left four possible aircraft from which two would be needed. In fact, one of the lessons learned from this deployment and others is the need to have alternate plans. In the aircraft readiness business this means preparing more aircraft than are required to guard against the case when a primary aircraft becomes unavailable. A consideration of the state of the four aircraft available and their mission critical systems quickly lead to the identification of the three aircraft required for this mission. Complexity number one resulted from the fact that on any day of the week 435 Sqn a/c are all over North America and the world completing airlift or training missions. This happened to be the case with two of the required aircraft. Their specific preparations could not commence until they returned to Winnipeg.

The ASAP goal was understandably adjusted by the aircraft availability but the ASAP goal then required that everything possible be completed

as soon as the a/c hit the ground. The fact that these aircraft are routinely operated world-wide also supported the expectation that with little preparation the crew and aircraft should be ready again for the next mission. While this is generally true, the requirements for Op Determination were significantly more demanding than other routine missions. Each of the aircraft involved needed to be configured for tanker operations. This alone can take up to two days to install the fuselage fuel tank or refueling pods. In addition to reconfiguring the a/c, any known problems needed to be repaired and all systems prepared for a long deployment. The somewhat newer Defensive Electronic Warfare System/Self-Protection Suite (DEWS/SPS) was also deemed as a requirement given the possible threats that could be faced in an operationally charged air environment. Although each of the required a/c were modified to include this system, not all of them had all required equipment installed or functionally tested. Other long-standing system requirements for new equipment, like additional secure radios, were once again identified for immediate consideration.

At the same time as the aircraft or system requirements were being refined, the 435 Sqn SAMEO was also identifying and preparing personnel to support the deployment. Approximately 1/3 of readily available technicians needed to prepare to deploy. This removed a large segment of the workforce that would normally be available to prepare aircraft. These personnel and alternates concentrated on completing the administrative and personal readiness training required for the operation (screening, first-aid, NBCW, weapons, etc.). Several of these personnel also faced additional training demands to quickly ready themselves to support deployment specific systems, ie. AC4 NBCW masks, DEWS/COMSEC equipment, or counter-measures loading.

It may seem like an overstatement to call readying three aircraft an immense challenge, but given the circumstances, that truly was the case. To meet this immense challenge, SAMEO personnel were reorganized into new shifts balancing remaining personnel and supporting round the clock operation. As the aircraft became available or parts and pieces were received from inventory holdings across the country, sys-

tems were installed or readied. Despite the hectic Ops tempo, the work effort proceeded cautiously ever guarded against the need to maintain flight safety. In the end with the media watching, the first two aircraft were launched on schedule on 19 Feb 98. As luck would have it, before reaching the first leg of travel, one of the aircraft experienced a system failure. The alternate aircraft was then readied and launched the following day. It also experienced problems and needed to return for repair and a successful launch another day later.

The performance of 435 Sqn SAMEO personnel was nothing short of that deserving of a gold medal. The personnel who were preparing to deploy completed significant personal preparations and left facing the uncertainty of the operation that would be carried out far from home. The contributions of all of the others who met this challenge with a surge of dedication and professionalism, readied the aircraft, supported their deploying comrades and who continue to support operations here at home, deserve even further special recognition for completing the tasks that are not often in the limelight. Performance at this level truly demonstrates the capability of service personnel. Attempts to expose support activities to alternate service delivery competition should be measured against industry's cost and ability to meet surge requirements like that experienced to launch Op Determination. As again demonstrated with Op Determination, 435 Sqn SAMEO personnel continue to lead the way in generating mission capable CC130 aircraft from Winnipeg or Kuwait City, every time.

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Some Tax Relief!

by Syd Kraft, Chartered Financial Planner
Polo Park Tax & Financial Services.

The Federal budget tabled on February 24th finally provides Canadian taxpayers with some long overdue tax relief. While the tax savings provided to most individuals and families are minimal, this budget signals a significant change in direction from previous ones.

Individuals with incomes under \$20,000 and families with incomes under \$40,000 will benefit from an increase in their personal exemption amounts. For 1998 the maximum increase for low income individuals will be \$250 with a further increase of \$250 scheduled for the 1999 tax year. The removal of the 3% federal surtax, which was a tax on tax originally imposed for debt reduction purposes, will provide a small tax saving for most taxpayers.

There were a number of changes contained in the budget that may be of particular interest to military personnel depending on their circumstances.

The proposed removal of large registered retirement savings plan deductions for the minimum tax calculation means that individ-

uals rolling over severance pay received on termination of their employment or making large "catch-up" contributions to their plans will no longer have to check to see if they have to prepay some additional tax on their current year tax return, only to recover it on the next one. While we're on the topic of RRSP contributions, it's worth noting that the government has extended the RRSP purchase deadline to March 31, 1998 for military personnel engaged in the relief effort for areas of eastern Canada devastated by the January ice storms.

The primary focus of the recent budget was to enhance training and education. Personnel anticipating leaving the service in the future through retirement and looking to retrain themselves in another field may be able to take advantage of some of these enhancements.

The most significant change is the proposed deductibility of interest costs incurred on Canada student loans. These costs will be eligible for a fixed rate, non-refundable tax credit with a maximum five year carry forward provision. Whether existing student



loans and the resulting interest will qualify for this credit is unclear at this time. The change that may have the most dramatic impact for people departing the service in the future however, is that full time students will now be able to use their RRSP savings towards the cost of funding their education. The funds can be withdrawn after January 1, 1999 on a tax-free basis but will have to be repaid back into the RRSP in equal installments over a 10 year period.

Another change that may bring some tax relief is that students attending qualifying educational institutions on a part-time basis will now qualify for the education credit.

This budget also contained a number of other provisions relating to the care and/or education of children, disabled and the elderly by taxpayers and others. In summary, the main beneficiaries of this budget were people pursuing post-secondary education or training. For the rest of us, the most valuable part of this budget isn't in tax savings, but that for the first time in decades taxes didn't go up!

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The wonderful world of weather

By Sgt Richard Thomas

The meteorological section, or "Met" as it is affectionately known, is an integral part of the Wing Operations environment. Though it is not a forecasting centre, Wing Met provides a comprehensive briefing environment offering a wide variety of services. Our main focus is providing detailed flying weather for 435 Squadron, Search and Rescue, 402 Squadron, Central Flying School, the Navigators School as well as transient aircraft.

Personnel consist of one Warrant Officer and five 6A or 6B Sergeants. The office is manned from 3 a.m. to 5 p.m. with one Sergeant on call for SAR call-outs or emergencies. During the SAR deployments there are times when an on-site briefer is required. At these times, one person is detailed to take the laptop, printer, lots of paper and head out into the field.

Met utilizes Hewlett Packard 9000 computers run from the main frame in Edmonton. A wide variety of products can be requested from around the world though most of our weather charts come from the Canadian Meteorological Center in Montreal. Satellite pictures from Trenton and Edmonton, as well as weather radar, gives us as complete a picture as possible. This information, combined with weather from across Canada and the world, gives the 17 Wing office the tools to provide detailed briefings around the globe, though the bulk of our briefings deal mainly with Canada and the US.

Chart analysis is an important part of the job as we are taking information from many sources and tailoring the briefings to fit a very specific route. A typical briefing would include cloud types and heights, icing, turbulence, en-route winds at the station, destination and all points in between. To provide as complete a weather picture as possible, we use public as well as aviation weather. Public weather is provided by local forecast centers across Canada which offer one to five day outlooks in "civilian" forms just like the weather channel.

Even with the extensive use of computers and satellite imagery, there's still a wee bit of the blarney which can come in handy. Anyone who has planned a golf game on a fore-

casted sunny afternoon and ends up knee deep in the mud knows that with every forecast, comes a hint of surprise.

17 Wing weather is the operational side of the Winnipeg weather world. 1 Canadian Air Division has a group of civilian and military personnel that oversee the operations of the Canadian Forces weather services across Canada. The School of Meteorology deals with the training of meteorological technicians.

Stop in and see us if you're curious and we would be more than happy to show you around the weather world and maybe answer some of your questions about why it always rains on the company picnic.

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Canadians complete first operational Air-to-Air Refueling mission

Below (left to right): Capt Ian Lyner, Aircraft Commander, briefs Loadmasters MCpl Jim Beattie and MCpl Marty Lee on the upcoming air-to-air refueling mission, as Capt Pete Jaeggi, Navigator, looks on. The briefing took place inside the 435 Sqn Det Kuwait KCC-130 Hercules on the ramp at Camp Cantank R Us. The mission that "Rebel 12" was about to depart on would become the first operational air-to-air refueling mission the "Chinthes" had ever participated in.



Above: Polo Flight lead gives a thumbs up to the crew of a 435 Det Kuwait KCC-130 before heading on his way after receiving fuel from the Canadian refueling aircraft. The US Navy F/A-18s are part of Operation Southern Watch, the multi-national enforcement of southern Iraq's no-fly zone.

Photos by MCpl Rick Ruthven

Below: LCol Chris Colton (left), Canadian Detachment Commander 435 Squadron Detachment Kuwait, extends his wishes for a successful mission to Capt Ian Lyner, aircraft commander of Rebel 12.

From left to right: LCol Colton; Capt Andrew Tissot van Patot, co-pilot; Capt Lyner; Capt Pete Jaeggi, navigator; MCpl Marty Lee, loadmaster; Sgt Wayne Webster, flight engineer and MCpl Jim Beattie, loadmaster.



Around the CF...

FROM THE MINISTER

Military Bonuses for Pilots

12 March 1998 - Defence Minister Art Eggleton yesterday acknowledged that the military gave buy-outs to reduce its contingent of pilots several years ago, but insists that times have changed. The Minister said the military is now in competition with civilian airlines in its hiring of pilots and bonuses are necessary to retain them. Eggleton denied that bonuses paid to pilots would harm morale. He said he is examining a scheme to give bonuses of \$35,000 to \$75,000 to flyers who sign up for five years of military service.

This program could cost \$50 million. Eggleton added that he is trying to get a pay raise for the lower ranks as well. (Ctz A1, G&M A5, Gaz A7, TSun 3)

12 March 1998 - Colonel Joseph Hincke, director of air personnel for air staff headquarters, said yesterday that last year 155 pilots left the military. Hincke noted that a comparison indicates that at junior levels, military pilots make similar wages to civilian trainees, but the military pilots' salaries peak at about \$65,000, while commercial airlines pay as much as \$125,000. (G&M A5)

NATIONAL NEWS

Defence Judge-Advocate General Named

12 March 1998 - Former military judge Jerry Pitzul will return to the Defence Department as judge advocate-general. He will be promoted brigadier-general and will assume the post April 14. The judge advocate-general provides legal advice to the department, the armed forces and to the Minister of Defence. (G&M A6, TStar A6)

WWI Flying Ace Honoured

13 March 1998 - Two MPs have suggested ways in which the contributions made by First World War flying ace Lieutenant-Colonel William Barker could be honoured. One MP introduced a motion which calls for a statue to be created in his honour, another has convinced a Manitoba community to rename its airport after Barker. The Air Force has commissioned a portrait of the Colonel. Barker won the Victoria Cross after a 1918 air battle in which he fought a pack of German fighters single-handed and was wounded in both legs and his left arm. (G&M A7, TStar A7, Gaz A9)

Holocaust Gallery

13 March 1998 - In a letter to the editor, Andrij Kudla Wynnyckyj of Toronto registered an objection to the assertion that Ukrainian groups oppose the establishment of Holocaust Gallery in Ottawa. Wynnyckyj said that no Ukrainian group opposes such a gallery. (TStar A21)

REGIONAL NEWS

Protest on Foreign Management of CFB Goose Bay

12 March 1998 - Public Service Alliance activists and community workers from Goose Bay have occupied Labrador MP Lawrence O'Brien's office in Ottawa. The protesters have vowed to remain until Defence Minister Art Eggleton explains why a British company is operating CFB Goose Bay. Since its arrival in February, Serco Facilities Management has cut jobs at the base and reduced the wages of its remaining work force by 60%. PSAC President Daryl Bean said the problem could be corrected by the federal government refusing to allow foreign companies to hold communities hostage. (OSun 10)

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Canadian Support for US

10 March 1998 - An Ottawa Citizen editorial suggested that Ottawa show more neighbourliness toward the US by agreeing that the US has obtained the necessary Security Council authorization needed

to act if Iraq leader Saddam Hussein again defies weapons inspection. It also advised the PM to support US Secretary of State Madeline Albright in sanctions against Yugoslavia, and to make up with the Americans over land mines. (Ctz A13)

US Position on Iraq

11 March 1998 - Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy would not say whether Canada agrees with the US position that no further UN Security Council resolution is needed to conduct air strikes against Iraq if that country again tries to block UN weapons inspection teams. (G&M A1/A3, FP 2, Ctz A3, OSun 10, TStar A1, TSun 4)

Violence in Former Yugoslavia

11 March 1998 - US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright declared that the world has a moral duty to respond to Serbian violence in the former Yugoslavia, and it must not "equivocate in the face of ethnic cleansing". Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy said that freezing Yugoslavia's assets might be difficult to accomplish due to current legislation. (OSun 7, TStar A12, Gaz B1)

11 March 1998 - NATO is preparing to build a fire-wall around the Serbian province of Kosovo to prevent the spread of ethnic conflict to the rest of the Balkans. Military links with Albania are expected to be strengthened today when a delegation from Tirana visits NATO headquarters. Albanian defence minister Perikli Teta has said he may request the deployment of NATO troops along his country's borders, or even in Kosovo. (G&M A7)

UN Weapons Inspections in Iraq

11 March 1998 - Iraq has asked UN Secretary General Kofi Annan to silence UN weapons inspectors and to punish any that speak to journalists about the UN search for banned weapons in Iraq. In a letter to Annan, Iraq cited unspecified "promises" made when Annan met with the Iraqi government. Annan's spokesperson Fred Eckhard told reporters that Annan made no such promises, but said there is a code of conduct that banned the disclosure of confidential information uncovered by the inspectors. (Ctz A7)

Persian Gulf Ship Patrols

12 March 1998 - The HMCS Toronto is patrolling the Gulf to ensure that no ships are breaking the UN embargo against Iraq. The ship's commander said that Canada is making an effective contribution to the mission. (CBC NW 9:00 pm, CBC-T 10:00 pm)

17Wg Operations Situation Report

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OPERATION	COUNTRY	PERS DEPL
Op Bison	Italy	10
Op Calumet	Egypt	1
Op Danaca	Golan Heights	10
Op Palladium	Bosnia	1
CFS Alert	Canada	4
Op Determination	Kuwait	94
Op Forum (UNSCOM)	Baghdad	1
Ex Strong Resolve 98	Norway	25
Pers Task	Various	4
TOTAL PERS DEPLOYED		150

SAR CALLOUTS - 20 Feb 98 - SAR Callout for an overdue aircraft between Gimli & Dauphin Manitoba. Light civilian aircraft had crashed. SAR Techs jumped into site.

A Coy - Desert Warriors

By Lt SP Grubb

A Coy, 2 PPCLI deployed to Fort Irwin, California between 12 and 30 January 1998 for Ex Patricia Destroyer. This was a Coy level exercise augmenting the OPFOR troops at the National Training Center (NTC). Fort Irwin has a large training area in the Mojave desert, in Eastern California; the terrain is comprised mostly of sandy flats and rocky hills, with a number of wadis running from the high ground down into the plains.

The first few days after our arrival were spent drawing kit, such as MILES (multiple integrated laser engagement system) and the Dragons and Vipers (short and medium-range anti-tank weapons). Time was spent familiarizing the Coy with the operation and testing of this equipment, and attending briefings on desert environment, safety, obstacle breaching, etc. Once we were able to draw our ammo, we spent a couple of days shaking out the Platoons and conducting dismantled ops.

The first task was a platoon in the defence. 1 Pl received the Pl defensive tasking for the 17th and 18th. Their position was a strongpoint guarding the approach along a ridgeline. The position was dug in during the day and patrolling took place that night to ensure that there was no enemy trying to flank by along the ridge. Daybreak saw Capt MC Wright and his platoon ready for battle. The valley floor stretched out in front of their position and the Blue Force vehicles could be seen approaching from 15 km away. The OPFOR position south of 1 Pl's was quickly overrun. At first, it appeared as if we would be by-passed but then Abrams tanks started to roll towards our position.

The M1s ran into our wire and mine obstacle and MCpl Delyea went forward with a tank hunting team, destroying a Bradley before falling back. Another Bradley followed him and was taken out by Pte Alcock. The entire Pl then became heavily engaged, but managed to hold the Blue For in place for 45 minutes before 2 Bradleys managed to work through the foothills north of the Strongpoint, coming at the position from the flank. The Section positions were overrun one after another, but a heavy toll had been exacted before they fell. MCpl Damron took out three Bradleys by himself; the final tally was 5 Abrams and 10 Bradleys. The Platoon had held up more than a Company for over an hour, which achieved the tactical aim of allowing the main defensive area the time to finish their positions and to prepare to counter-attack.

Next was the Coy level raid. We deployed early on the 19th to a staging area. After confirming all of our MILES and weapons systems, it was a windy wait for orders to filter down. Maj W.A. Pigden, our Coy Comd, finally returned and our mission was confirmed. We had a tank and two BMPs as our close support during the advance. The ROEs for NTC dictate that any vehicle kill is a catastrophic kill and all troops in the vehicles are considered to have died. Since we were in trucks, we needed some kind of protection. We had just made the mouth of the wadi when we started getting near misses on our lead vehicles. The convoy quickly dismantled and we re-organized ourselves. By this time it was nearly midnight; the moon had risen but the illumination wasn't too bright. Rather than work our way up the wadi and then across the base of the hills to the north, we decided to strike out west across the desert floor. We were looking at a march of just over 2 kms and LT D.J. Wright, whose platoon had the point, knew exactly where to take us.

Speed was of the essence in trying to cross the valley, but we were carrying 3 dismantled TOW systems with us. We had to stop occasionally so that the equipment could be changed around. Then disaster struck; the front of the Coy had already made it into the wadi at the base of the hills when the word came up that the rear platoon and the TOW dets were being engaged. It seems that there was a Bradley up on the high feature to our north that had spotted us and was hosing us down with its 25mm chain gun. In MILES, this turns out to be a magical weapon, as the laser pulse can be swept back and forth over an area, setting off all equipment in its path, even though it has not fired a burst. We lost a third of the Coy in less than 5 minutes to this one vehicle. Then, it stymied all

attempts by us to recover the TOW equipment.

Finally, Pte Crant, of 2 Pl, managed to work his way into the beaten zone without being hit. He went from man to man, trying to recover whatever equipment he could. After diving to the ground numerous times when his gear indicated near misses, he was able to gather up enough pieces for one system. Once we had enough parts, we carried them up the ridge while also continuing to gather what was needed for the other two systems. Once at the top, we had to search through the men to see who had what piece, and, more importantly, who was TOW qualified. All of the dedicated TOW gunners had been killed in the ambush.

While Sgt Williston and Cpl Yakabowich were setting up 3 Pl's system, Cpl Sparvier, from 2 Pl, who had taken his TOW course in 1984, worked with an American gunner to set up the second system. Meanwhile, MCpl Smith led a section of men down the hill again to bring up the third system. We were running out of darkness and the wind had really picked up, but we were determined to be ready for 0600. Dragon teams were deployed on the forward slope so that we could cover forward.

Dawn broke and we had 3 operational systems. It



The Command Bunker. Maj Pigden, OC A Coy (right) listens as the American liaison officer, Lt Dicu (centre) and Capt Patrick (left) communicate with Higher. Cpl Adams watches to ensure they don't break the radios.

was a true demonstration of the importance of having cross-trained soldiers. With the light came the Bradleys. From our position on the high ground, we were able to nail 3 Bradleys and one Recce Det within the space of 20 minutes. We now owned the valley below us and we had totally disrupted the Blue Force Commander's deception plan. He had wanted to hide his vehicles in this valley while making it appear that the northern approach was open, luring the OPFOR into using that route. He now had to rethink his plan.

In honour of our efforts in scaling the ridge with the TOW, and securing the area, A Coy received a first class Hamby award and the False Goat Pass was renamed Patricia Pass. The Hamby is an award given to individuals and units for meritorious combat service with OPFOR. It is named after a previous Colonel of the OPFOR who died in a vehicle accident during one of the Rotations.

We didn't have long to rest on our laurels. Wednesday night, all 3 Platoons had raids. 1 Pl had the mission of hitting the Svc Sp Maintenance CP; 2 Pl was to hit the Brigade Sp Area Tactical Operations Command Post; and 3 Pl was tasked to bump an Artillery Logistics position. All three raids were complete successes, with a large number of vehicles and personnel destroyed.

Spirits were high and morale was good as we started our preparations for the Final Defensive exercise. A Coy had been tasked to occupy positions along the Furlong, a small ridgeline that formed the left side of the pass that OPFOR wanted the enemy to take. We were to anchor the left side obstacles and force the Blue For to take the gap, allowing them to drive right into the center of the Regiment's Fire Sack.

1 Pl was on the left, covering from the highest part of the ridge down. Coy HQ was right behind them. 2

Pl was in the center, both on a high feature and in the low ground by the wadi that ran through the entire position. 3 Pl was on the right, in the dead ground below the reverse slope at the tip of the Furlong. They were closest to the valley floor and could actually fire into the Regimental fire sack. The wadi, christened Trans Canada, was the main route between the positions and would be used as our counter-attack route if troops were needed on either of the flanks. All of the positions were on the reverse slope of the front ridge of the furlong. We could see the valley floor stretching for 15-20 km in front of us, but the ridge created some dead ground in the last 1-2 km. This was where the obstacle belt was placed that was to turn the enemy toward the gap. If he breached the obstacle, there were BMP and BRDM positions on our left flanks that could cover them. Additionally, each Platoon had a Dragon team pushed forward observing the approaches up the furlong. There were 10 approaches up the ridge and each of these had an obstacle box built at the top, out of sight.

On the forward slope of the furlong, we had our FOO party, led by Capt R. Dunn of 1RCHA. They were dug into spider holes along one of the central approaches up the ridge and had a view of the entire valley floor. Behind 1 Pl and to the left of Coy HQ, we had our TOW gunners and transport drivers who were assigned as a Quick Reaction Force. They had an OP covering one further approach on the far left. There was a BMP covering the bottom of the approach, but if a Bradley made it up to the top of the hill, he could have covered our entire position with enfilade fire. We had covered all of the bases; all we needed now was the enemy.

At first light, we could see the lead elements of the enemy approaching from the north. They were 15 km away. Here and there on the valley floor, we could see flashing yellow lights, marking where Blue For's recce vehicles had died during the night. Almost as soon as it was bright enough to see what was coming, the smoke machines started pumping out smoke, simulating the smoke screen that the enemy's artillery were laying down. In only a matter of minutes, the entire valley floor was obscured. We could hear firing off to our right, across the gap where TF Angel was dug in on the tip of the Whale, where the right side of the gap was anchored. We began to think that we were going to be by-passed.

The smoke started to clear, only to reveal that the enemy was still far away. We could see the entire combat team spread out, but they were still miles away. Capt Dunn called in fire missions on the formations and our Fast-Air resources hit them in order to keep them disrupted. Another bank of smoke rolled in and we had nothing to do but wait. We had expected to be receiving heavy artillery shelling, but nothing fell on our position. The enemy had been completely stripped of his eyes. The Blue For air flew over our heads, but they obviously had higher priority targets than us to hit, as they left us completely alone as well.

Finally, they started breaching the obstacle to our front. The vehicles that were doing this were out of sight to our position, but our forward Dragon teams were in an ideal spot to take them out. The first 5 Bradleys that maneuvered in front of the Furlong were all destroyed. One did try to go up the Pass on the left, but the BMPs took care of it. They even tried to send a dismantled section towards one of the approaches, but they were dressed in TOPP high and were so exhausted by the time they got close that they were easy targets for our Dragon teams to hose down with C9 fire. To send the message not to bother trying the Canadians again, Cpl Kennedy started moving through our position playing his bagpipes. The Americans had never heard nor seen anything like this and transmitted it over their own radio net so that all could hear it. This was definitely good for our morale, as, except for the 3 dragon teams, no one had fired a round.

And so our adventure in the desert came to an end. After a little time off to enjoy some of the local scenery, we flew out of Nellis Air Force Base (outside of Las Vegas) courtesy of the Canadian Air Force and their wonderful Hercs. The cold weather was a shock but we were all glad to be home.

17 WING SPORTS

WCE 'Sweeps' bonspiel

Kickers Korner



LCol Marcotte (with rock) and CWO Linda Smith (sweeper) throw the first rock to officially open the 1998 Wing Commander Curling Bonspiel.

If you happened to drop in at the 17 Wing Curling Rink for the Annual Wing Commander Curling Bonspiel, you might have thought the Brier had started one month early. All day long there were some incredible displays of curling that kept the small but staunch supporters on the edge of their seats.

The semi-final games were a perfect example as both games were decided by the final skip rock. In one semi-final, the team from WCE led by Skip WO Montgomery defeated MWO Martins' rink (435 Sqn) in an exciting contest. In other semi-final action, Cpl Mills' rink (733 Comm Sqn) defeated Capt Smith (1 CAD HQ).

In the championship game, WCE (WO Montgomery) continued their curling prowess by defeating the Cpl Mills rink (733 Comm Sqn) and thus becoming the 1998 Wing Commander Curling Champions.

The 435 Sqn team (MWO Martin) defeated the team from 1 CAD HQ (Capt Smith) to finish in 3rd place.

The WComd Bonspiel was well received by everyone. Thanks to the staff of the Rec Centre and the 17 Wing Curling Rink for a fun and exciting day!

Now an update from the Kanadische Kickers. The team has now played 3 games in the regular season. Our current record is 1-1-1, putting us in the middle of the pack. Game 1 against Blackheart ended in a 2-2 tie. Game 2 against Europa was postponed due to the ice storm in Quebec. Game 3 against St. James was also postponed. Game 4 against Cinzano was a closely fought battle which was opened up with 2 minutes left on the clock, with the Kickers scoring 2 goals in 20 seconds to win the game 3-1. Game 5 against the Kildonan Cavs was the team's first lost of the season. We went down to a 2-1 defeat.

So far this year the competition has been close, and the rivalries have been just as big as those in the NIL. But you can watch the base team play for free at the Soccer Spectrum.

Now here's the teams schedule for regular season play:
Kanadische Kickers vs.

Mar 22/98	2030	A-Team	Apr 21/98	2000	Europa
Mar 30/98	2200	Wolves	Apr 26/98	2130	St. James
Apr 15/98	2000	Blackheart	May 98	TBA	Playoffs

No dates have been set as yet for the two games missed due to the ice storm. These games will probably be made up after the regular season and prior to the playoffs. So come on out and cheer the team on.

Renovations at Recreation Center

Renovations will be taking place at Bldg. 90 effective immediately and will be on-going for the next few months. We will remain open to users and apologize for any inconvenience during renovations. Improvements will include an expansion to the existing Cardio/Weight room, new lockers in both the Women's and Men's change rooms, improvements to the ladies washroom showers, toilets and vanity and a new ventilation/cooling system.

CARDIO EQUIPMENT AVAILABILITY - cardio equipment will be made available by moving it upstairs, utilizing half the gym floor for the duration.
WEIGHT ROOM - will be available in the same location until renovations are completed.
WASHROOM/SHOWER ACCESS - there will be a time when the washrooms will be closed and no showers available. We will keep you informed.

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Skating Warm-up Exercises

ICE RIP

By Chris Merrithew

Holding stick in front of you, do a quarter squat. Then twist your body to the left so that the heel of your right skate cuts a tight "C" in the ice in front of you. Really "rip" the ice with it.

Repeat quickly with the other skate so that you move forward across the ice. Use lots of power and speed but keep skate action short so that you make small "C's" instead of wide ones. The weight is on the heels of the skates. Continue for 10-15 secs.

Now do the same thing backwards. You'll have to lean forward & the 'rip' will be done with the toe instead of the heel. It's not simply a backward skate but a twist and "rip" (C-cuts) with a short forcing action. The weight is on the toes of the skates.

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17 WING SPORTS

Donut Team sets Hoser Olympic record

Brian (Shack) and Jill Shackleton hosted the 17th Annual Hoser Party on Saturday, 28 Feb 98. Shack held his first three Hoser Parties in Cold Lake, AB (82-84), the next four in Greenwood, NS (85-88) and the Comox Valley, Vancouver Island, set the stage for nine more (89-97). The Hoser event of 98 was held in the BBQ area of the WO's and Sgts' Mess (Bldg 66, 17 Wing Winnipeg).

Following in the tradition of all sixteen previous parties, it was held outside on a Saturday afternoon in February. Everyone in attendance had a great time, making the first ever Winnipeg hosted Hoser Party a huge success. Cool but quite tolerable temperatures with a light snow added to the fun at the Party, but unfortunately, Old Man Winter's Blizzard outside of Winnipeg kept several people from completing their Hoser pilgrimage.

Francis Neri, GM of Winnipeg "Hooters" and four "Hooters Girls", Jody, Myrna, Josee and Angela definitely added fun and color by participating in the Hoser Olympic Games.

The Hoser Olympic Games started at one o'clock sharp. The 10 games were: Hoser Golf, Donut Eating, Down Under, Team Beer Race, Donut Hole Relay, Donut Relay, Beer Relay, Sock Hop Relay, Beer Pole Relay and The Hoser Triathlon (Ironman). Six teams completed, receiving points depending on their position in each of the 10 events. Penalty or bonus points could be assigned at the discretion of the Head Hoser. The top three winning team members in each event received Gold, Silver or Bronze medals and, in some cases, additional prizes for their outstanding efforts.

Some of the hi-lights were: Greg Melivier (Toques C), in from Australia, taking Golf Gold; Rick Dwyer needed only 3 min 21 sec to win the Donut Eating (one of his 7

medal performances); Beer Team members Simon Beaulieu and Angela Quinta won the Donut Hole Relay; Sean Gould (C), Francis Neri and Joe Owen of Team Earmuffs beat the field in The Beer Relay; Dave McAllister was awarded a special medal by the Bar staff for being the "Most Experienced Hoser". The tenth is the most prestigious event (The Hoser Triathlon), with the winner receiving a Gold medal, his name etched on The Ironman Cup, prizes and best of all, Todd Cooper (Donuts) now holds the title "Ironman 98".

Led by Team Captain, Gary Kalagian, The Donut Team totally dominated the 98 Hoser Olympic Games with 6 Gold, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze & two 4th place finishes... awesome! Gary personally won seven medals, 5 of which were Gold, the most challenging being the Down Under Event. The Donut Team broke the previous Games record for total points: 69 (held by the 93 Beer Team) with a monstrous total of 75!

Other team standings for 1998 were: 2nd Buns 45.5 pts; 3rd Earmuffs 42 pts; 4th Backbacon 32 pts; 5th Toques 29 pts; and 6th Beer with 28 pts. Congratulations to all team members.

I, Brian Shackleton would like to thank the following people and/or businesses for their donations and/or extra efforts:

Cal Chute of Labatt Breweries (official game beer "Labatt Lite" and prizes); Darryl Szydluk of Total Image (artwork, participation ribbons, custom air brushing and shirts); Francis Neri and all the staff at Hooters, 1624 Ness (saved beer caps for Olympic Medals, hosted post



"Ironman 98" Todd Cooper, Josee from "Hooters" and Donut Team Captain Gary Kalagian, all being congratulated by the "Head Hoser" Brian Shackleton.

party celebration with special discount for participants and most of all, for attending the party); Bill Turnbull of Daily Dozen, 3059 Portage (tasty donuts and donut holes); Gage Perth of Robins Donuts & Deli, 2596 Portage (prizes); Barry Bremner of Barry's Meats & Deli, 3141 Portage (fabulous backbacon); Greg Franklin of Kub Bread, 1760 Ness (fresh & delicious crusty buns); Doug Paul (Hoser Games bartender) and the WO's and Sgts' Mess office staff for their support; the judges John Haugen, Andre Albert, Deanna Murray and Marcel Hamilton; Jill Shackleton (backbacon chef specialist).

Most of all, I wish to thank the Hoser Game participants for taking time out of their busy schedules to have some fun! Take care and I hope to see as many of you as possible at the 18th Annual Hoser Party... Eh!

Blue Devils' season winds down

By Lt(N) Mike Fitzpatrick

The season for the 17 Wing Blue Devils basketball team is quickly drawing to a close. After finishing second at the CF National Basketball Championship, the team's city league season ended with a playoff loss to Showtime. All that's left for the team this year is a tournament in Grand Forks, and the Manitoba Provincial tournament.

In the game versus Showtime, the two teams started off fairly even. However, Showtime was able to build a double-digit lead as they frequently found gaps in the

Blue Devils' zone defence. Some timely scoring by Cpl Rohan Wilson kept the game reasonably close, though, and the half ended with a nine-point Showtime lead.

A better effort defensively allowed the Blue Devils to start the second half with an 8-0 run, cutting Showtime's lead to one point. The rest of the half remained close, with the Blue Devils tying the score at 71-71 late in the game. At that point, Showtime regained the lead, and with time winding down, the Blue Devils were forced to foul to stop the clock. Showtime

made their free throws, icing the game and ending the Blue Devils' city league season with a final score of 77-73. Leading scorers for the Blue Devils were Cpl Wilson with a game-high 38, and MCpl Mike Jackson, whose 12 points mainly came at critical times in the second half.

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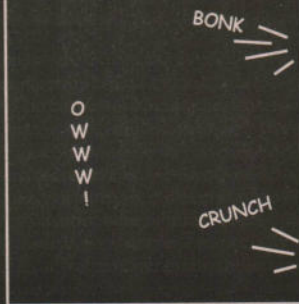
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ADULT PROGRAMS

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On the first Thursday of every month from 10 to 11 a.m. the MFRC hosts a community coffee break. Everyone is welcome!
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VOUNTEER PROGRAMS

Volunteers Needed! Can you help with our programs?

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YOUTH PROGRAMS

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Join us at the Youth Centre on Wednesday nights from 7 - 9 p.m. Coffee, tea, good music and great conversation are in order. An interest evening will be held March 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Centre. Hope to see you there.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The MFRC Youth Centre is open on Monday from 4 - 5 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. for the After School Program. Activities include arts and crafts, board games, computer, foosball, air hockey and videos. If you are in grade 1 to 6, this is a great place to meet friends and have fun.

Cost: Members FREE and Non-Members .50¢

DROP-IN

On Monday and Thursday from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. the Youth Centre is open for Junior High and High School students. Drop-in to the Centre and see what it's all about.

Cost: Members FREE and Non-Members .50¢

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

CRAFT CLUB

Register for a 4 Season Craft Club. We will be making suncatchers, spring flowers, tin punching and woodcrafts. Each session we will explore a different medium.

The course will be held from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m., March 21, April 18, May 16 and June 13.

Registration for all four classes is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. You may also register for each class individually for \$8 per class. You must register one week in advance of the course.

The class will be cancelled if less than 5 children register.

MOVIE NIGHT

Join us at the Youth Centre for a night of movies, popcorn and fun. Movie night is held once a month on Friday night. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. There is no charge for the movie and the canteen will be open.

Please register in advance to ensure that an age appropriate film may be chosen.

Next movie nights are: March 13, April 17, May 8 and June 12

SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES

Once again Youth Services will be holding activities during the Spring Break, March 28 to April 5. The Youth Centre will be open on Monday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. for drop-in activities. The Centre will also be open in the evenings from 7:00 to 9:30 for teens only.

Please book early for the following programs as they may fill up quickly!

SLEEPOVER AT THE MUSEUM OF MAN AND NATURE

We will meet at the museum on Friday night. Pick up time is 10 a.m. The evening will be full of activities: a planetarium show, flashlight exploration of the museum, crafts and story-telling to name a few. Children must be at least in Grade 1 to attend. There is no upper age limit. Parents are welcome to attend with their children.

The cost of the program is \$13 per person.

Date: 27 March 98 Time: 6:00 p.m. Cost: \$15 per person

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Join us for an afternoon of skating fun. Bring your own rollerskates (rollerblades too) or rent some there.

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Date: 2 April 98 Time: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$2 per person

GLOW BOWLING AT ACADEMY LANES, Academy Avenue

If you missed this event at Christmas, here is your chance to try it!

Date: 31 March 98 Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Cost: TBA

ADVENTURE CITY / THE DARK ZONE, Osborne & Pembina

End the week off with a trip to Adventure City or The Dark Zone. Adventure City is an indoor playground for kids up to 12 years of age. Dark Zone is a laser tag facility for children 10 and up. We have arranged for two games at The Dark Zone. You must specify which activity you are attending.

Date: 3 April 98 Time: 1:00 p.m. Cost: \$5 per person

Habitat Play House project

By Cpl B.F. Gough

Habitat for humanity has invited members of the Canadian Armed Forces in Winnipeg to participate in the "Homes For Kids Playhouse Village" fund-raising event, to be held in late March and early April 1998.

They are inviting various groups to construct a playhouse in a mini village theme such as a schoolhouse, a fire hall, a chapel, etc. The play houses are to be approximately 10 x 10 x 8 and all Materials will be provided by the Habitat organization, but if we can come up with some materials on our own it will help increase the financial success of the project.

Plans are available and were designed by a Calgary architect, or with the vast amount of skill and knowledge we have in our organizations we can come up with a plan of our own and perhaps dedicate it to the flood recovery efforts by the Forces from Winnipeg.

The homes will be constructed indoors and be on display at St. Vital centre for 3 weeks, then they will be raffled off to raise funds. This fund raiser is patterned after a similar one held in Calgary, which succeeded in raising \$40,000.00.

So come on out, join in and lend a hand (especially those guys and gals in the carpentry shops) this is a very worthwhile cause.

For details, please do not hesitate to contact me at ext. 6595. Time is short and we would like to get started soon so don't hesitate.

Cadet Honour Band Concert Tour

In its fifth annual concert tour of the prairies, the sea, army and air cadets Honour Band will perform music of almost every style and genre in "A Salute to Our Parents".

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The second half of the concert is a demonstration of all that is military pageantry and ceremony. Starting with a dramatic fanfare performed on "Aide" trumpets, the audience will be presented with the fife and drums, pipes and drums, drums and bugles, brass band as well as the brass and reed band. All of the bands will incorporate military marching with the music and the pipe band will perform with highland dancers. After the "black light" drum line, the cadets will execute a retreat and sunset ceremony.

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*Are you interested
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LCol Watt, WComd has asked the MFRC to conduct a study into the feasibility of establishing full-time daycare at 17 Wing. To that end, a survey has been developed to determine the exact nature of the requirement and what it will take to meet that need. The survey has been distributed to all personnel in the Winnipeg Military Community. We ask that you give this survey serious consideration.

Swim Lessons

Swim Registration: 4 April 1998, 0900 - 1200 hrs at the Lipsett Hall Gym.

"Last Chance" Registration: 6 April 1998, 0800- 1200 hrs at the Westwin Community Centre.

Cost: \$25 per person. Bronze Cross and Bronze Medallion Courses have an additional cost for books.

Lessons: will commence at at Lipsett Hall Pool will start 18 April 1998 and run for 10 weeks (Saturday mornings only).

Lessons at Bldg 90 have been cancelled until renovations are completed.

Classes offered are: Red Cross Aqua Levels 1-12, Aqua-Tots, Aqua-Adults, RLSS Bronze Medallion/Bronze Cross (if enough interest).

For more information, please contact Carla Ryan, Community Rec. Director at 833-2500 ext. 2059.



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Volunteer Judges Needed

We are seeking volunteers to act as judges for various school's students' science fair projects. Last year's response from both the schools and the CF volunteers was great.

The students were very appreciative of the time our people put aside for them.

Science Fairs are usually held in the morning between 9h00 and 12h00. We already have a short list of volunteers who have gone to some of the schools, but we are looking for more people who are able to judge in French as well.

Anyone interested in volunteering to go to a school and act as a science fair judge, please contact Capt PGD Laferriere, WPAffO, ext. 2212.

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