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The Christmas season is the time of the year when most of us are able to get a break from a very busy work schedule and take some well deserved time with our families and friends, to celebrate the year past, and look forward to the challenges of a new year.

For the men and women of 17 Wing, the year that is just about to conclude has been a busy and exciting one. We celebrated the 75th anniversary of our Air Force, played a major role in the success of the Pan Am Games, made extensive preparations to greet the Y2K bug, should it appear, and carried on as we have in past years with numerous deployments throughout Canada and the world in support of ongoing operations.

This summer's contribution to the Pan American Games was exceptional. It marked the conclusion of almost two years of work and planning for some members of the Wing. All of those who were tasked directly to support the Games and the many who volunteered, along with their families, did a superb job. The result was a world-class demonstration of our professionalism and dedication.

The extensive preparations that have been put in place to deal with any unpleasant surprises that the Y2K transition might have for us are, once again, a tribute to the commitment and ingenuity of the members of 17 Wing. The

recently completed exercise, that was meant to review and practice our procedures in preparation, was a great success and proved that we are indeed ready for whatever comes along. Although, in Canada, we are very confident

that we are ready for the transition to the new millennium, it is our job to be ready to assist in any eventuality, and ready we are.

It is at this time of year, as most of us look forward to some quiet time with our families, that we should take a moment to think of the more than 4000 CF personnel who are deployed on missions and operations around the world and will be away from their loved ones for the Christmas period. These folks understand better than any of us the sacrifices that are often part of a career in the Canadian Forces and they deserve our best wishes for a peaceful holiday season and a safe return in the new year.

As we are about to say farewell to 1999, I would like to congratulate all of you that make up the 17 Wing Team on your successes during the past year. It has been a busy year and a challenging one, but in every case, you were up to the task. We don't know what the new millennium has in store for us. While we wait to find out, let's have a safe, happy holiday season and get ready to take on whatever it is that the year 2000 has in store.



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VOXVIEWS

Turning a new millennium

by Major CM Walton-Simm
Managing Editor

As Christmas 1999 quickly approaches, it offers an opportunity to reflect on the year that has just vanished and the century that is finally coming to a close. This past year, in particular the last few months, have been both hectic and eventful, with all the extra work we seem to have these days and the endless preparations for Y2K. With the Year 2000 (Y2K) issue, most of us will be experiencing a somewhat different Christmas celebration, as we'll either be participating in the Op Abacus tasking or remaining very close to home units during the holidays. Regardless, Christmas is a time for sharing and it's an opportunity for us at the Voxair to thank all of our readers, contributors, advertisers and supporters for the input that is the Voxair's "raison d'être".

The staff at the Voxair work hard to produce a military community newspaper that captures the spirit of its readers, keeping all informed on both local and national stories that relate to our readership. Article submissions have been improving of late, both in quality and quantity, which is a change from past years. We are still hoping that the New Year retains this surge of creativity and energy and the contributions will increase. To assist in this area, we have sent a new schedule to all 17 Wg units that encourages at least one article from each unit during the upcoming year. New ideas, letters to the Editor, work related articles, photos and information are always welcome. In our reflections of this past year, we felt that the newspaper could benefit from more articles from units, capturing local work related activities as well as articles from military dependents in the

form of anecdotes, experiences, general interest or whatever your imagination renders (we reserve editorial rights of course). We've seen an increase in 'Letters to the Editor', which is in direct correlation to the increased quality of submissions. So keep those comments coming and put those thinking caps on, put pen in hand and share some of your events, activities and ideas!

We have made it much easier for many of our readers to provide their input and the side bar on this page provides the different means of communication you can choose from. We also have a Web Site that you may wish to check out: www.autobahn.mb.ca/~voxair. We will continue improvements to layout and quality of the production process as well as trying to reduce our errors. Overall the mistakes identified have been of a

minor nature and there are not a large number of them, however, we have been known to make some infamous errors from time to time. These are the embarrassing ones that can't be hidden or excused and that we whole-heartedly regret making or not picking up. The more we can improve in this area, the less you'll have to complain about! If anyone is interested in volunteering to assist us in this area please contact us.

For the Voxair staff, Christmas means family dinners, Santa Claus and only one issue, so we get a bit of a holiday too. As Managing Editor of the Voxair, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their hard work and dedication throughout this past year and wish them and you, the readership:

SEASONS GREETINGS!

Christmas greetings

To all members of 1
Canadian Air Division and
the Candian NORAD Region

Traditionally at this time of the year, we gather to share the joy that comes from being together with family and friends; for those who will be home for the holidays, I wish you a most enjoyable and restful time. However, I also know that many of our colleagues will be far away - in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, Italy, the Golan Heights, Australia, East Timor, Alert and many other places around the world. To those deployed - or who are alone because a member of your family is deployed - I offer our thoughts and prayers that you will soon be reunited with your loved ones and friends!

In his annual Christmas message, Lieutenant-General Kinsman clearly captures the scope of activities that the air force has been involved in this year. For my part, let me simply thank you for the

outstanding commitment and professionalism that has allowed us to meet our many tasks in a way that has consistently made me, as your Commander, very proud. Clearly, this has been a tumultuous year for 1 CAD/CANR and every part of the organization has stepped up to meet the challenge. In my view, you can be very proud of your performance!

While I expect Y2K-associated duties may put a bit of a crimp in our millennium celebrations, I nevertheless hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday season. My wife Sharron joins me in offering you our best wishes and our fervent hope that the year 2000 brings you good health, much happiness and continued success in all endeavours!

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drinking and driving, what does it
mean to you?

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mgs. This registers as a "warn"
on the roadside screening
devices. This "warn" will result
in the immediate 24 hrs suspen-
sion of your driving privileges.

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hrs suspension will require

mandatory impaired driving
assessment or treatment at a cost
of \$270. Failure to comply with
the assessment will result in an
indefinite suspension.

Above .08 mgs or refusal will
automatically earn you a 24 hrs
suspension and 90 suspension

and criminal charges.

A sobering thought. If caught
drinking and driving you will
have a minimum of 15 months
without a drivers licence, \$270
alcohol assessment, minimum
\$600 fine, \$300 impoundment
fee, \$60 towing charges, and

various other fees and sur-
charges to the applicable fines.

During this holiday season,
extra enforcement will be out
there to combat drinking and
driving offences, be roadwise,
make the right choice, don't
drink and drive.

Impaired driving – What's new

This year is the 45th annual
NATIONAL SAFE DRIVING
WEEK (December 5th to 11th)
and we want to draw your atten-
tion to the increased severity for
impaired drivers in Canada
passed by the federal govern-
ment.

Earlier this year, the House
Of Commons Standing
Committee on Justice reviewed
the Criminal Code sections on
impaired driving. Despite the
immense human and financial
cost of impaired driving the
code had not been amended
since 1985.

The Standing Committee
heard recommendations from
many groups, including enforce-
ment agencies, insurers, victims,
commercial and industry stake-
holders, and safety organizations.

After considering all the
input, the following amend-
ments to the Criminal Code of
Canada, Bill C-82 were intro-
duced by the Committee to the
House of Commons on June 9th
where they passed and became
law on July 1st 1999.

Minimum fines for first-time
impaired driving convictions
double from \$300 to \$600.

The mandatory minimum driv-
ing prohibition increases from
3 months to 1 year for the first
offence, from six months to 2
years for a second offence and
from one year to three years on
subsequent offences.

Maximum driving prohibition
periods increase from three
years to five years for a second
offence and from three years to
a lifetime ban on a third offence.

The maximum penalty for driv-
ing while prohibited rises from
two years to five years impris-

onment.

Police now have three hours,
instead of two, to demand a
breath or blood sample from a
driver whom they believe on
reasonable grounds to be
impaired.

Judges may require the use of
ignition interlock system as a
condition of probation where
such a program is available.

At the time of sentencing,
judges are now required to con-
sider a blood alcohol level
exceeding twice the criminal
offence level as an aggravating
factor.

The above laws are amend-
ments to the CRIMINAL CODE
OF CANADA. But each
province can add to the above
penalties, and here in Manitoba
there are a few additions.

30 day impoundment of all
vehicles for first time offenders,
regardless if the offender is not
the owner of the vehicle. Repeat
offenders will have the vehicle
impounded for 90 days. All
these periods of impoundment
are at the cost of the owner of
the vehicle. The impoundment
also applies to any refusal to
undergo a breathalyzer or road-
side screening devices.

Mandatory suspensions of
driving privileges have
increased. They are as follows;

FIRST OFFENCE- 1 YEAR
SUSPENSION

FIRST OFFENCE REFUSAL-
2 YEAR SUSPENSION

SECOND OFFENCE (within

5 years)- 5 YEARS SUSPEN-
SION

SECOND OFFENCE
REFUSAL- 7 YEARS SUS-
PENSION

.05 What does this mean to
you???

Anyone caught driving with a
blood alcohol content over .05
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"WARN" on the roadside
screening devices. This
"WARN" will result in the
immediate 24 hour suspension
of your driving privileges and a
\$40 fee for reinstatement.
Anyone with two or more sus-
pensions in three years
involving driving with a blood
alcohol concentration of .05 or
over, will require a mandatory
impaired driver's assessment at
their own expense. The cost is
\$270. If the assessment or rec-
ommended educational or
treatment programs are not com-
pleted, the driver's license will
be suspended.

This fall the house will debate
a second piece of legislation,
Bill C-87, which would increase
the maximum sentence for
impaired driving causing death
from the current 14 years to life
imprisonment.

**REMEMBER IF YOU
DRINK DON'T DRIVE AND
IF YOU DRIVE DON'T
DRINK**

LET'S TRY TO MAKE THIS
A SAFE AND HAPPY TIME
OF THE YEAR FOR EVERY-
ONE.

Sparkey's Corner

Fire precautions for the holiday season

Cheerful lights of Christmas
bring a special warmth to the holi-
day season, but each year tragedy
strikes somewhere in Canada
because of electrical fires.

The main cause is either worn,
defective equipment or careles-
sness. Christmas lights and
electrically-lit decorations are tested
and certified by CSA (Canadian
Standards Association) for safety.
However, people often forget the
most basic rules when handling
electrical equipment.

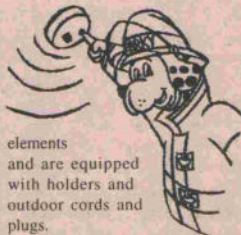
Fire safety precautions should
head the list of every sensible fami-
ly's plans for the holidays. Here
are some Christmas safety hints to
ensure a fire free festive season.

Christmas lights

Before purchasing lights, always
look for CSA certification markers
and be certain that the lights are
the correct type for what you have
planned. The box should be clearly
marked whether the lights inside
are intended for outdoor or indoor
use.

When it comes time to hang the
strings of lights you have, check all
of the cords for worn insulation,
broken bulbs, or loose bulb sock-
ets. If a new bulb is necessary,
always unplug the power source
and make sure the replacement is
the correct kind and voltage.

As an alternative to strings of
lights, color effects and contrasts
can be achieved with the use of
spotlights or floodlights. These
bulbs are designed to withstand the



elements
and are equipped
with holders and
outdoor cords and
plugs.

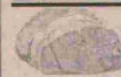
Christmas Trees

Christmas tree safety begins
before the tree is bought. A simple
twist of the twigs and needles will
show if the tree is brittle and a
dried out tree is to be avoided.
Once an acceptable tree is found,
store it outside if you don't intend
on putting it up immediately. This
insures it does not dry out while
sitting in the basement. When the
tree is to be erected, re-cut the
trunk diagonally, stand the tree in
water and maintain the water sup-
ply to keep it in good condition.
Set up the tree away from
sources of heat such as radiators
and fireplaces and do not allow it's
position to block access to doors or
hallways. As mentioned before,
use only CSA approved lights and
decorations and regardless of tradi-
tion, never decorate a tree with
candles.

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The Supply Line

Lots of questions but...



by Maj D Miller
WSupO

Why? Who? When? What? Where? How many? and How come?

With the advent of the Supply Chain Project (SCP) and the authorization to go forward with a Request for Proposal (RFP) there are many questions that have been answered and still many that are left unanswered.

The CF supply chain provides members of the CF, at home and abroad, with a myriad of supply and material distribution services. The functions include warehousing, receipt and issue, distribution, inventory management and related functions at depots, bases, wings, ships, and units. At one end it begins with industry as the source of supplies and at the other end it terminates with the soldier in the field receiving those supplies. While the supply chain is a single system, it can be thought of as having two distinct parts, one associated with deployed military operations or mobile part and one associated with the fixed infrastructure in Canada or the static part. Many of the activities in the later are neither military nor governmental in nature. Delivery of the defence mission has always been dependent on a mix of military, public service and private sector capabilities. The supply chain project was tasked to review that mix with a view of optimizing cost effectiveness in light of rapidly changing private sector capabilities and an evolving military context. The total cost of the static part of the supply chain is estimated to be in excess of \$300M per year.

Support services have been identified as an area where significant savings and increased performance could be achieved through ASD. Experience has shown that these and other benefits are possible when activities are exposed to competition. Because the supply and distribution functions are distributed across Canada, it has been decid-

ed that in-house bids and the most efficient organization process are not applicable in the review. As mentioned in the Supply July article, the SCP briefed the ASD Steering Committee 21 June 1999 and recommended proceeding with an RFP to industry for the static activities of the supply chain. The CDS and the DM approved the recommendation to go forward in July 1999. The RFP is being developed as we speak in consultation with all stakeholders including industry and will be out on the 'street' December 1999.

Now that we all know the basics what are some of the questions: What will the future hold?; What were the contents of the business case?; What safeguards are in place to ensure operational readiness is maintained?; What about those people who currently perform the supply and distribution functions of the supply chain?; What happens to surplus military members?; What happens to civilian employees not receiving a reasonable job offer from the contractor?; Why is the SCP proceeding when the deficit is zero?; How much money would actually be saved by contracting out the SCP?; What about the MOS Review?; Will a new system retain the reliability of the current system?; Has a risk assessment been done in accordance with Treasury Board directives?; Will the contractor have to conform to the rules and regulations of Treasury Board?; Who will maintain the military ethos?; What are the HR concerns?; What is the rationale to suggest that the private sector can deliver efficiencies?; and the list continues. Questions have been posed to the SCP Project Team from all sectors, including the President of UNDE.

There is and always has been room for cost saving initiatives in DND/CF, even as you read this article there are many being hatched and instituted at the wing, base, and unit level. At a national level the following ASD

reviews are taking place: 202 Workshops (Long Pointe), CFS Alert Infrastructure Support, Dept Reference Standards Functions (Hull), Air Maintenance Support Services, Munitions Experimental Test Centre (Nicolet), CFADs, and CRS (Ottawa).

The bottom line of all the reviews is to increase funding to Capital Projects, which presently is well below 'rust-out' funding (<20% of the total DND budget). The reviews also increase tooth-to-tail, ship-to-shore, bayonet ratios, which overall increases the operational effectiveness of the CF. There are many other initiatives out there that, in one way or another, effect your daily professional life but none so profound as the SCP. It has the potential to ultimately shape and mold the operational capacity and responsiveness of the military. In these times of uncertainty - will it or won't it, and if it does will it be all or part - we ask that you think to giving those in the supply chain a little space as the coming months will be difficult. Who knows what other sections, trades, classification, or functions are being considered. Christmas is the season of hope and giving, we know what most of those involved in the supply chain want for Christmas.

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17 Wing Det Dundurn

**By Sgt Dave Lague
CE Admin O**

During the past APS, Camp Dundurn CE section has seen many noticeable changes. The most significant change at Det CE is the number of new personnel posted in. The Det DCE WO, WO Bill McInnis was posted in from CFB Borden in June 1999. Bill is presently waiting for his replacement as his term as the DCEWO is for one year at which time he will assume the duties of the CE Production Warrant Officer. WO McInnis was followed by myself on the 12 July 1999. Transferred in from the Saskatchewan Dragoons who are located in Moose Jaw I have assumed the duties of the CE Admin Sgt. Shortly after my arrival at CE, MCpl Desiree McInnis was transferred in from CFB Borden. You may be pondering whether there is a married service couple at CE by now, your pondering is correct. Desiree McInnis replaced MCpl Darrel Chandler and had an extremely short term at CE as the OR Supervisor. She is presently employed by the DSAMP section. Des, your expertise is missed here at CE - traitor. Replacing MCpl McInnis is MS Mark Stoecklein, transferred in from Det HQ Dundurn. Mark, I hope you enjoy your new 4 year posting at Det CE, Dundurn. Moving right along Sgt Dale Gorman was transferred in from CFB Trenton. This is Dale's second posting to Dundurn and he has assumed the responsibilities of the CE Production Sgt and the CE prankster. Welcome back to your old haunt Dale. Not long after this, Det

CE witnessed the arrival of MCpl Kevin Fearn who was transferred in from CFB Moose Jaw. Kevin is employed as the Environment NCM/WFE Tech for CE and when he isn't doing this he is comparing hunting stories. Shortly after the CE prankster's arrival, Cpl Bob Sparrow was transferred in from CFB Borden. Bob is employed in the CE Plumbing shop and it appears that he has molded into the Dundurn way of life quite nicely. September 1999 saw the arrivals of Cpl Mark Strickland from CFSME Gagetown and Sgt Henry Samms from 4 ACT Gagetown. Cpl Strickland has recently changed

there is one more addition which will take place in November 1999, Cpl Guy Law will be transferred in from CFSME Gagetown and will be employed as an Electrical Distribution Tech in CE ensuring everyone gets his/her fair share of electricity.

Currently serving in the Golan Heights, Cpl Mike Graham will cease his tour in December 1999 and will return to CE Carpenter Shop and Cpl Guy Clair will return in March 2000 to CE Plumbing shop. Have a good one boys, keep your heads up and your bedrolls dry. In March 2000 Cpl Bob Sparrow will join the

elite for a six month tour of duty in the Golan. Have a good one Bob, see you when you get back in September 2000.

Since most of you who are reading this article know where Dundurn is, I will now focus on the visible changes made on the Det. The first and most noticeable since my arrival is the widening of the main road leading onto the Det. This is a welcomed change, no longer is there a requirement to yield right of way when approaching oncoming traffic. CE is currently trying to make changes to single living in quarters by renovating building 71. Instead of the corral

affect all sections. Another project in the mill is the construction of a new Telecommunication Information building. To the best of my knowledge this is a "Go" but I do not have details as to when this project will commence. Also in the rumour mill is the construction of a new MFRC building, details will be forthcoming once confirmation has been established. The pool at the Det has been closed permanently due to environmental concerns and plans are in the mill to build a new pool. This would be a welcomed addition to the Det as it would be used all year long.

In addition to the above mentioned projects CE has completed preliminary work in preparation for the up and coming Y2K dilemma. This includes a contingency plan for all essential services and I am sure once the new year comes into affect I will be seeing a lot of my comrades on the 1st of Jan 2000. In the meantime Det CE is

constantly on the go doing minor maintenance and upkeep on the Det. As of 1 Oct 1998 the added responsibilities to maintain all the armouries in the province fell in the hands of Det CE. In total there are eight armouries which now require our attention. As a new member to the CE operations I can honestly state that it is an extremely busy place. On that note and in conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all members at Construction Engineering Detachment Dundurn to wish everyone all the best for the New Year and new millennia.



occupations from MSE Op to Structures Tech and is currently employed in the Carpenter Shop. Sgt Samms has assumed the responsibilities of the CE Plumbing Supervisor and has set his family up in the City of Saskatoon. Henry, just think, no more Bosnia tours, remember there is always the Golan. On the Civilian side of the house, Mr. Jim Moss was transferred in from Goose Bay, Newfoundland and is employed as a Plumber. He is currently taking his course for recertification and will soon be a fully qualified Plumber/Pipe fitter. This concludes the new additions to CE, however,

style quarters there would be 24 separate rooms. Don't get too excited, you still get to share the showers and bathroom areas. There were plans to renovate building 1, which would then be used to accommodate HQ staff. Due to financial restraints beyond our control this plan has been put on the back burner until further notice. It could be sooner than later though, as rumour control has it that the Ammunition School from CFB Borden is considering moving its operation to the Det and taking over building 10 to work out of. This move, needless to say, would have a great impact on the Det and would

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one a year. Pictured is the issue of 1998, a biplane, a "Potez 25," over the Alps (and I am sure many of you reading this know more about the airplane than I do). Also pictured is the first day cancel for the issue. The 1999 issue shows an Airbus A300-B4.



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Christmas is Coming!

*There's nothing quite so wonderful
As Christmas time draws near
And we prepare to celebrate
With friends and family dear.*

*The Christmas lights are twinkling
The wreath is on the door
We've baked some favorite cookies and
Perhaps we'll make some more.*

*Our festive decorations have
Been placed upon the tree
Each hanging in a chosen spot
For everyone to see.*

*The strains of joyful music can
Be heard throughout each room
Where you might see a Santa or
A fresh poinsettia bloom.*

*There's something magic at this time
About the sparkling snow
And visiting with many friends
Amid the fire's glow.*

*The fun of whispered secrets and
Excitement fill the air
As everyone's deciding on
The perfect gift to share.*

*And though it might be busy as
Each one is made or bought
We always find a moment for
That special wish or thought.*

*Then finally, it's Christmas Eve...
When off to bed kids go
Anticipating sleigh bells and
That cheery, "Ho! Ho! Ho!"*

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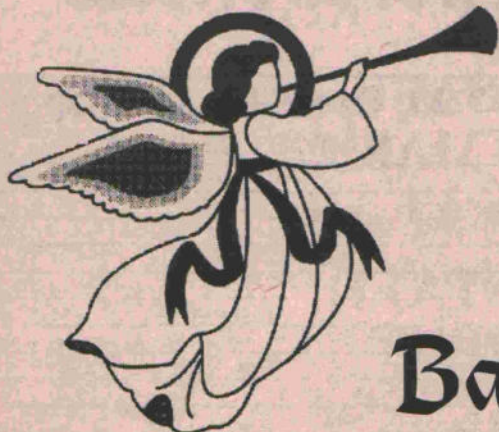
<p>Layer #1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/2 cup butter 5 tbsp cocoa 2 cups graham wafer crumbs 1/2 cup chopped walnuts or pecans 1/4 cup white granulated sugar 2 beaten eggs 1 cup coconut <p>Cook eggs, sugar and butter until sugar melts. Stir in wafer crumbs, coconut and nuts. Pat into 9x9 inch pan and chill for 30 minutes.</p> <p>Layer #2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 cups icing sugar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/4 cup half and half 2 tbsp Bird's Custard Powder 1/4 cup butter 1 tsp vanilla <p>Combine ingredients until blended. Spread over chilled graham wafer layer and chill for 30 minutes.</p> <p>Layer #3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 squares semi-sweet chocolate 1/4 cup butter <p>Melt together chocolate and butter and spread over chilled icing sugar layer. Chill before serving.</p>
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Major G.L. Madsen receives the first clasp to his CD for twenty-two years of dedicated service.



Major M.R. Pettitt receives the first clasp to his CD for twenty-two years of dedicated service.



Captain D.A. Sajtos receives the first clasp to his CD for twenty-two years of dedicated service.



Lt A.Savoie receives a Joint Forces Commendation for outstanding Public Affairs support to the Joint Forces during Operation Mandolin at the XIII Pan American Games.



Major M. Latouche receives the Special Services Medal with Humanitas Bar in recognition of service in Africa in support of humanitarian operations (OP Assurance)



Captain D.C. Sexstone receives his Officer Professional Development Program Diploma of Achievement.



Captain A.G. Howlett receives his CD for twelve years of dedicated service.



Captain M.C. Leenders receives his CD for twelve years of dedicated service.



Captain A.J. Meikle receives his CD for twelve years of dedicated service.



Major A.C. Auguston receives the second clasp to his CD, in recognition of thirty-two years of dedicated service.



CWO R.E. MacDougall receives the second clasp to his CD, in recognition of thirty-two years of dedicated service.

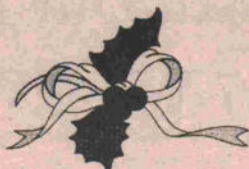


CWO J.B.M. Robin receives his Chief Warrant Officer's Scroll.



Major T.P. Auger receives the second clasp to his CD, in recognition of thirty-two years of dedicated service.

Merry Christmas



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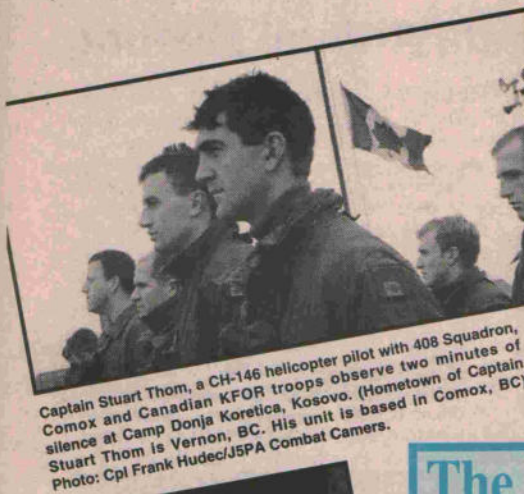
If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look something like the following:

- 57 Asians
 - 21 Europeans
 - 14 from the Western Hemisphere both north and south
 - 8 Africans
 - 52 would be female
 - 48 would be male
 - 70 would be non white
 - 30 would be white
 - 89 would be heterosexual
 - 11 would be homosexual
 - 6 people would possess 59% of the entire world's wealth
 - All 6 would be from the United States
 - 80 would live in sub standard housing
 - 70 would be unable to read
 - 50 would suffer from mal-nutrition
 - 1 would be near death; one near birth
 - 1 would have a college education
 - 1 would own a computer
- Credit: Philip M. Harter, MD, FACEP Stanford University, School of Medicine*

17 Wg Ops Situation Report 22 NOV 99 – 28 NOV 99

OPERATION	COUNTRY	PERS DEPL
Op Calumet	Egypt	1
Op Danaca	Golan Heights	14
Op Echo	Italy	5
Op Kinetic	Kosovo	18
Op Palladium	Bosnia	1
Op Prudence	Central Africa	1
CFS Alert	Nunavut	0
1 CAD/INDIV Taskings*		2
CF Incremental Tasks**		2
General Tasks***		0
MAMS Tasks****		10
TOTAL PERS DEPLOYED		54

* 1 CAD/INDIV TASKS - AIRFIELD FIRE FIGHTER SUPPORT 5 WG (2), **CFSME GAGETOWN AF ENGR PH IV (1), TOS 2000, OTTAWA (1) ***GENERAL TASKS - NONE, **** MAMS TASKS - TATEX 9904B - 8 WG TRENTON (10).



Captain Stuart Thom, a CH-146 helicopter pilot with 408 Squadron, Comox and Canadian KFOR troops observe two minutes of silence at Camp Donja Koretica, Kosovo. (Hometown of Captain Stuart Thom is Vernon, BC. His unit is based in Comox, BC) Photo: Cpl Frank Hudec/J5PA Combat Camers.



Pte Tumble, Cpl George and Cpl McGrath setting up a communication line. Photo: Cpl Morin.



Corporal Mark Meyer, along with fellow airmen from the Canadian Airlift Task Force as well as British and Australian soldiers attend a Remembrance Day ceremony held in Darwin, Australia. A total of 639 airmen, soldiers and sailors are serving with INTERFET, International Force East Timor. Photo: CF Photo Sgt Serge Peters.



A Canadian military member holds an orphan at Canada house Orphanage in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Photo: Cpl Luc Germain.

The Night Before Christmas

Twas the night before Christmas,
He lived all alone,
In a one bedroom house made of
Plaster and stone.

I had come down the chimney
With presents to give,
And to see just who
In this home did live.

I looked all about,
A strange sight I did see,
No tinsel, no presents,
Not even a tree.

No stocking by mantel,
Just boots filled with sand,
On the wall hung pictures
Of far distant lands.

With medals and badges,
Awards of all kinds,
A sober thought
Came through my mind.

For this house was different,
It was dark and dreary,
I found the home of a soldier,
Once I could see clearly.

The soldier lay sleeping,
Silent, alone,
Curled up on the floor,
In this one bedroom home.

The face was so gentle,
The room in such disorder,
Not how I pictured
A United Nations soldier.

Was this the hero
Of whom I'd just read?
Curled up on a poncho,
The floor for a bed?

I realized the families
That I saw this night,
Owed their lives to these soldiers
Who were willing to fight.

Soon round the world,
The children would play,
And grownups would celebrate
A bright Christmas day.

They all enjoyed freedom
Each month of the year,
Because of the soldiers,
Like the one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder
How many lay alone,
On a cold Christmas eve
In a land far from home.

The very thought
Brought a tear to my eye,
I dropped to my knees
And started to cry.

The soldier awakened
And I heard a rough voice,
"Santa don't cry,
this life is my choice;

I fight for freedom,
I don't ask for more,
My life is my God,
My Country, my Corps."

The soldier rolled over
And drifted to sleep,
I couldn't control it,
I continued to weep.

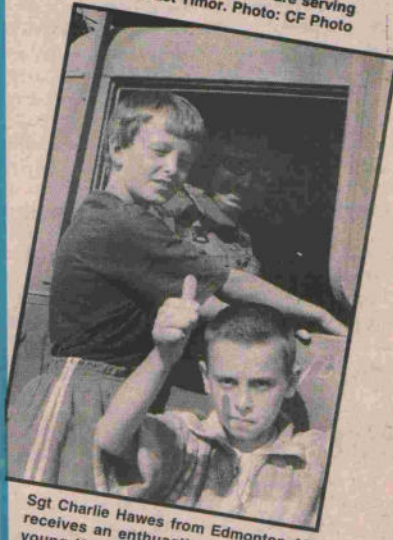
I kept watch for hours,
So silent and still
And we both shivered
From the cold night's chill.

I didn't want to leave
On that cold, dark, night,
This guardian of honor
So willing to fight.

Then the soldier rolled over,
With a voice soft and pure,
Whispered, "Carry on Santa,
It's Christmas Day, all is secure."

One look at my watch,
And I knew he was right,
"Merry Christmas my friend,
and to all a good night."

The unknown soldier



Sgt Charlie Hawes from Edmonton AB receives an enthusiastic welcome from young Kosovar Children. Charlie is a Canadian Soldier originally from Snashall, ON. Photo: Sgt David Snashall.



Cpl Charles Arrowsmith, left, and L.S. Kim Jackson, who are currently serving with the Canadian National Support Element in Velika Kladusa, Bosnia hand out supplies to children at an elementary school in Rajnovac, Bosnia. Photo: Sgt Mike Lavallee.



Private Biller and Master Corporal Kiak, both of 1 Royal Canadian Regiment, talk to a shepherd. Photo: Sgt Frazer.



Engineers from Edmonton AB receive an enthusiastic welcome after "liberating" the small town of Urosevac. Photo: Sgt David Snashall.

VOXBACK

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Dear Sir:
We, of the Joint Veterans Association Parade Committee, wish to express our sincere thanks to you Colonel Watt for sponsoring the Remembrance Day Service

and for providing us with the personnel and equipment that we requested.
We offer our congratulations to the men and women from 17th Wing who performed the many

tasks which enabled this to be a very successful Remembrance Day Service. To Wing CWO, Linda Smith and her very able assistant Sgt. Dennis Hendrickson, we wish to express our sincere thanks for

their cooperation and dedication. It was certainly a pleasure to work with such capable individuals.
We look forward to your continued support in the year 2000 and we thank you again for your coop-

eration and the consideration you have given us in the past.
Respectfully yours,
Armand Lavallee
Chair, Joint Veterans Association Parade Committee

To Whom It May Concern
This is to comment on the article in the Voxair concerning Wing Supply Clothing Stores relocating to the South Site.
The responses that have come from people about this news are a lesson in just how spoiled, self-centered and inflexible some

people are. One would get the impression that these people must be of this mindset in their lives in general, not just when it comes to something as insignificant as this. In particular, I refer to the comment, "Another degradation to our quality of life." If one really thinks about those words, they

would realize the strength and seriousness of them. To truly be degraded and have your quality of life affected, you would have to be dealing with something that really deserves such a strong view. A person, thinking rationally would not consider having to travel a short distance to get to

the South Site, as being in that category.
However, when someone has developed the unattractive habit of thinking of themselves as someone who has the right not to be inconvenienced in the slightest way, they set aside their rational thought and operate from pure

selfishness. Too many of us have developed this way of existing in our daily lives. We need to turn our thinking around and be grateful for all the things we do have. If we do this we wouldn't consider a minor inconvenience to be such a big deal.
Cheryl Pitt

The Military Engineers' Association of Canada Annual Meeting

From 28 - 30 October 1999, 40 members of the Military Engineers' Association of Canada (MEAC) met in Mynarski Hall at 1 CAD/CANR HQ to take part in its Annual Meeting. Most of the MEAC members who gathered for the meeting were the members of the National Executive, Regional Vice-Presidents, Branch Representatives as well as some of the unit COs or their representatives.

The MEAC, which was authorised in 1912 by a Militia Order and counts about 500 active and retired CF members from across the country, seeks to enhance the image of, and foster an interest in, military engineering. "The association provides: an environment which encourages interaction among members at every level of experience, a forum for presenta-

tion of achievements and discussion of problems encountered; and means of developing and advancing collective views on issues of common interest. Younger members benefit from the knowledge and experience of older members, while at the same time, older members benefit from younger members' familiarity with modern technology and management techniques." Note 1

Following the formal opening address by BGen Johnson, 1 CAD A4, and a few administrative announcements, the Colonel Commandant of the Canadian Military Engineers (CME), the Branch Advisor and the Branch

CWO took the opportunity to brief everyone present on the major activities that took place in the Branch during the past year and map out some of the challenges that lie ahead. An important sub-

The first part of the second day was dedicated to syndicate discussions and the group presentations. On Friday, the Chief of the Land Staff (CLS) was also scheduled to make a presentation to the MEAC, but LGen Leach had unforeseen obligations to attend and had to cancel his visit at the last minute. Regardless of the short notice, BGen E.S. Fitch, LFWA Comd, substituted for the CLS and made an excellent presentation on the Army of the future.

The last day of the meeting started off with the presentations of activity reports from the National Executive, Regional VPs and Branch Representatives. Following the activity reports, the

MEAC members initiated some very animated discussions on topics such as the future of the association and update of the association's long term strategic goals. After a brief discussion on the new business items and general announcements, the president of the MEAC officially adjourned the annual meeting.

After three days of hard work, some lively discussions and a well deserved Mixed Dining-In at the Warrants' & Sergeants' Mess on Saturday evening, the members of the MEAC wished each other farewell until next year's meeting and started their journey back homewards, all having enjoyed the nice Winnipeg weather.

Note 1 Taken from the Military Engineers' Association of Canada (MEAC) web site (<http://www.meac.ca/>)



Quelques mots de la section d'équipement lourd

Cpl B.J. Wiswell
Dessin Cpl M. Kirouac

Encore une fois, l'hiver frappe à notre porte et nous, de la section d'équipements lourd, attendons impatiemment l'arrivée de la première chute de neige. Nous aimerions vous rappeler de conduire prudemment, spécialement lorsque vous croisez nos véhicules de déneigement. Les signes apposés à l'arrière de nos pièces d'équipement "SE TENIR A PLUS DE 15 MÈTRES" sont là pour votre sécurité. Si vous les respectez, ils nous permettront de vous voir même lorsque la neige est dense. Aussi, en restant à une distance sécuritaire, vous aurez une porte de sortie en cas d'imprévu. Lorsque vous suivez nos épanduses, ne nous dépassez pas s'il-vous-plait. Aussitôt que nous aurons l'opportunité de nous

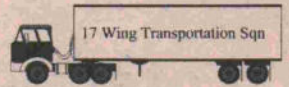
ranger sur le côté et d'arrêter le gicleur, nous le ferons avec plaisir. N'oubliez surtout pas, nous le faisons par courtoisie et non par obligation. Pendant le déblayage, avec les souffleuses à neige, notre vision est très restreinte. Nous ne pouvons voir sur les côtés, en même temps que nous regardons pour le passage des piétons. Il est impératif que vous ne nous dépassiez jamais. La neige qui sort de la chute pourrait causer des dommages à vous et votre véhicule et la seule personne à blâmer serait vous-même car les signes disent bien "SE TENIR A PLUS DE 15M". Toute la section d'équipement lourd vous souhaite de passer une très bonne saison hivernale et espérons qu'on ne se rencontre pas (accidentellement). S'il-vous-plait conduisez prudemment.

A word from Heavy Equipment Flight

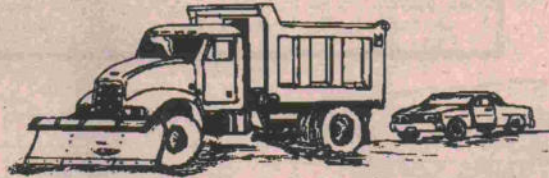
Cpl B.J. Wiswell
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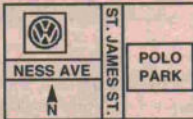


you drive by and snow damages your car, don't yell at us. REMEMBER there was a sign on the back of the vehicle that said "STAY BACK 15 METERS". So we at Heavy Equipment hope everyone out there has a great winter season and we hope that we don't meet you by ACCIDENT. PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY



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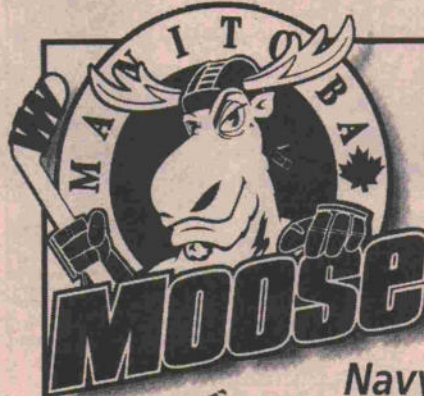
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Rodent proofing of your home during the winter months

1. That time of year is upon us again, cold weather! As we will be making sure that our houses are winterized and cozy during the cold season, you can rest assured that some of the furry creatures living near and around your home will be thinking the same thing.

2. The entrance of rodents within your home can be easily prevented by following basic guidelines. Most rodents are attracted to dwellings since they provide food and/or shelter hence exclusion of rodents is the first step in rodent proofing your home. This can be easily verified by an inspection of the exterior of your home. Any cracks within a foundation can be sealed with steel wool, cement and caulking. If expandable foam is used, it must be covered with steel mesh (carpenter's cloth) to stop rodents from chewing through it, then painted to protect it from the sun. Metal flashing can be installed on basement window frames and on the bottom of all doors if cracks are present. (If

extensive repair is required or is thought to be required, consult a pest control service in the Yellow Pages of your phone book).

3. Other steps in preventing the attraction and harborage of pests near and around your home are as follows:

a. piles of lumber, firewood, bird feeders and compost piles should be kept away from buildings;

b. any food (including pet food) or water in attached garages or sheds must be kept in metal rodent proof containers or thick plastic containers with tight fitting lids;

c. store all garbage in tight fitting containers inside and outside of premises;

4. Occasionally we do come across evidence that rodents have already entered our homes, such as droppings in a drawer or shelf or that a dead rodent is found. If you do come across one of these situations, do not sweep the droppings or mouse/rodent. Wearing a pair of rubber gloves, thoroughly

dampen all detritus and carcass(es) with a solution of three tablespoons of household bleach in four litres of water. Then put it into a zip lock bag, zip up the bag and throw away into your garbage.

5. Trapping may be involved in order to rid your premises of rodents that have established themselves. This involves the use of spring loaded mousetraps (available at any hardware store). Follow directions for setting. Cheese Whiz or grain products can be used for bait. It is recommended that the bait be wrapped in saran wrap and attached to the trap. This usually guarantees the capture of the mouse. Again, saturate the carcass and trap with the Javex/water solution (using rubber gloves) deposit into a zip lock bag and discard into the garbage.

— 6. Any further questions can be forwarded to 17 Med Sqn, Preventive Medicine Department, at loc 6676. Thank you.



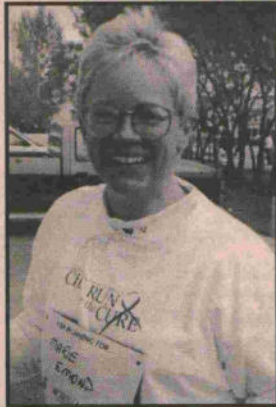
Pte Elna Roberts being presented her "first chevron" on 25 Oct 99 by Maj Bruno Noury (left) Headquarters Administration Officer of 1 CAD HQ and Maj Leslie Mahon (right) Air Reserve Augmentation Flight Commander at 1 CAD HQ. Pte Roberts joined the Reserves in Dec 98 and was actually due her promotion in August.



On 19 Nov 99, LCol L.A. Caux, Commandant of 3 CFFTS, presented Cpl Tania Symonds with the rank badges for her new appointment which becomes effective 1 Dec 99. MCpl Symonds is one of only two clerks at the Flying School in Southport.

17 WING SPORTS

"Total Force" Run for the Cure



This year's team "Total Force" ran, walked and showed total support for Marie Emond, a member of our 17 Wing military community. Our team, "Total Force" raised over \$6400.00 in support of breast cancer research.

Our team captain (picture) CWO Starr Black and the total force team (Picture) invite you to come out and join us next year and thanks to everyone who supported our effort in 1999.

Photos by Miss Christie Richard (student at Sturgeon Creek High School)



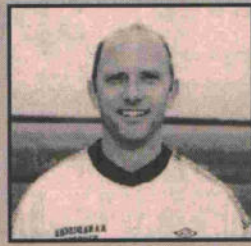
Kanadische Kickers Players Profile

#11 René Sturgeon

René was born 15 September 61, in Montreal, Quebec and for the past five seasons has played for the "Kickers" in the left fullback position. A very talented athlete, (CISM volleyball), René's physical fitness, and drive has made him a key player on

a fullback line that had the best defensive soccer record in the province this past season.

With his tenacious style and hard work, expect René to have another good season in the Manitoba Central Soccer League.



Big mistakes

An American Council on exercise (ACE) survey of more than 3000 of its personal trainers found that the 10 most common workout mistakes are:

1. not stretching enough
2. lifting more weight than you can handle
3. not warming up before aerobic activity

4. not cooling down after any type of workout
5. exercising too intensely
6. not drinking enough water
7. leaning heavily on the handrails when using a stair stepper
8. not exercising intensely enough
9. using too much momentum to lift the weight - "jerking" the weight
10. consuming energy bars and sports drinks during short, low intensity workouts

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Colonel Cleland, A3 Operations Readiness, congratulates CWO Jeff Tupper on his selection for CFR to ANAV and subsequent promotion to Capt.
 Capt Jeff Tupper was born in Sussex, New Brunswick, May 1962. He enrolled in the CF September 1980 as a MOC 511 Aero Engine Technician on the CH124 Sea King Helicopter. In March 1984, he remustered to Airborne Electronic Sensor Operator (AES Op). His subsequent employment/experience covers the complete spectrum including maritime helicopter (MH), maritime patrol (MP), operational training unit (HT 408), operational test and evaluation (HOTEF), air requirements staff (DAR 3-6), and current operational-level HQ position within 1 Canadian Air Division.
 Capt Tupper was commissioned and promoted to the rank of Captain, 25 October 1999. He will begin Air Navigation flight training at the Canadian Forces Air Navigation School, 21 February 2000.
 Jeff is married to Denise Tupper (nee Richard) of Saint John, New Brunswick and the father of a 12 year old boy and five year old girl.

17 Med Squadron Lends a Hand Blue Cross Provider Cards for CF Health Care

The Canadian Forces Medical Group (CFMG) is implementing a new administrative program designed to process invoices and health information. Effective 1 April 2000, the Canadian Forces (CF) will be using Blue Cross to process invoices from health care professionals who provide services to our members. The objective is to provide you with a clearer understanding of the Blue Cross card that will be issued to all members. In accordance with the Canada Health Act, the CF is required to provide health care to you. Funding reductions to the CF budget have forced CFMG to reorganize the way CF members receive health care. The result is significantly more health care provided from outside 17 Medical

Squadron.
 What will you see? The card will end confusion at reception desks at hospitals, clinics or Doctors offices. This will apply when you as a CF member seek emergency medical treatment or are referred out for specialists appointments. There is not usually a problem with scheduled medical care; however, it could be a problem with visits to smaller clinics or out-of-town facilities. You present your ID card and Provider card to the reception desk upon arrival and the rest is up to the administrative gurus.
 What won't you see? CFMG has joined Veteran's Affairs (VAC) to streamline invoice processing and reduce our administrative burden. The card also requires the return of

health information from the provider to the Health Care Coordinator (HCC). In other words, the provider will not get paid until your information is returned. The health information contributes to the HCC's ability to determine your operational readiness.
 It is important to understand you are not insured by Blue Cross so the entitlement for medical care remains the same. Blue Cross merely administers the plan. The card has a toll free number that you may call if you are unsure of your medical entitlement. As further information becomes available, it will be published in routine orders (ROs) and on email. Any questions or queries may be directed to Capt Gullen, loc 5777.

MFRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

MILITARY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE, 350 Doncaster Street, Winnipeg MB, R3N 1W8 489-7003

TEEN VOLUNTEER CORPS

If you are 12 years old or older and have some free time on your hands, the MFRC Youth Service is looking for you. We would like to start a Youth Volunteer Corps that would be available to help with family activities, special events and children's programs. Training in leadership, communication, first aid, and problem solving will be included in the development. You will be asked to commit a minimum of one shift per month as a volunteer.
 This is a great opportunity to gain valuable job skills. Volunteerism looks great on resumes too! There will be an information meeting on January 14. Pizza will be served. Please pre-register by calling 489-7003.

Winnipeg Military Family Resource Centre English as a Second Language French as a Second Language

Winnipeg Military Family Resource Centre offers Second Language Training for military spouses and their children 16 years and older. Priority will be given to the spouse. Courses will start on 24 January and will end on 24 April, 2000.
 Training will be 2 hour sessions twice a week for 12 weeks.
 All interested individuals must register at the MFRC, 350 Doncaster Street by 10 December 1999.
 The following courses are offered:
 * English: basic; Intermediate; Advanced * French: basic; Intermediate ; Advanced
 Students will be tested prior to the beginning of courses to determine their oral proficiency.
 Reimbursement Policy
 * A deposit of \$25.00 will be required at the time of registration. This deposit will be refunded at the end of the course. Participants who cancel after the first week or who do not attend 70% of the classes will not be reimbursed.
 Day time child care will be provided by the Winnipeg MFRC free of charge. For evening sessions, 50% of the child care costs will be reimbursed.
 For further information call the MFRC at 489-7003.
 Winnipeg Military Family Resource Centre
 350 Doncaster Street
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 Telephone: (204) 489-7003
 Fax: (204) 489-8587
 Email: mfrce@autobahn.mb.ca

What do you think??

Drama for Youth:
 The Youth Services Department is interested in starting a drama club for military youth. We are looking for adult mentors and youth that would like to be involved. It is hoped that we will be able to mount a production in early May. (In time for National Youth Week). The plan is to write, direct and stage a play by military youth about being military youth. Interested? Contact Diane Brine at 489-7003.
What we would need:
 * 2 - 3 skits/plays of one act. * Each skit representing an aspect of growing up military. i.e. moving, parent separation, new friends, base stuff. * Kids or adults to write these skits
 * Someone to direct * Someone to produce * Someone to coordinate whole thing (me?)
 * Kids to act in production * Costuming * A set/props * A stage - the base theatre? * Money? * Advertising
 Can it be done????????

Volunteer Program

On November 23rd many of the MFRC volunteers got together at the Officer's Mess to celebrate volunteer appreciation. As always, there was much laughter and cheer as the Christmas exchange game was played. To all the volunteers who could not make it to the evening festivities, you were missed. We hope you will be able to make the annual spring volunteer appreciation. Thank you to all the MFRC volunteers who have contributed in 1999. You helped make it a very successful year for programs and services offered at the resource centre.
 The staff and I wish you all a very happy holiday season.
 Best wishes for 2000.
 Celine Taillon, Volunteer Coordinator, MFRC

Centre de Ressources Des Familles Militaires de Winipeg Cours d'Anglais Langue Seconde • Cours de Français Langue Seconde

Le Centre de Ressources des Familles Militaires de Winipeg offre des cours de langue seconde pour les conjoints de militaires et leurs enfants de 16 ans et plus. La priorité sera donnée aux conjoints.
 Les cours débuteront le 24 janvier et se termineront le 24 avril, 2000.
 Les sessions ont lieu deux fois par semaine et sont d'une durée de deux heures. Ces cours sont échelonnés sur une période de 12 semaines.
 La date limite pour l'inscription est le vendredi, 10 décembre, 1999.
 Les cours suivants sont offerts:
 Anglais: débutant; intermédiaire; avancé • Français: débutant; intermédiaire; avancé
 Les étudiant(e)s passeront un test de classement avant le déterminer leur niveau de compétence linguistique.
 Politique de remboursement
 Un dépôt de 26.00\$ sera exigé lors de l'inscription. Ce dépôt vous sera rendu à la fin du cours. Le dépôt vous sera retenu si vous quittez après la première semaine ou ne complétez pas 70% du cours.
 Durant le jour, les services de garde d'enfants sont offerts gratuitement par le CRFM. Le CRFM remboursera 50% des coûts de garde d'enfants pour les cours se déroulant dans la soirée.
 Toutes personnes intéressées peuvent s'inscrire en contactant le CRFM au: 489-7003
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The CFPSA's Construction Program

Building a better future for the CF

A cross-Canada survey of facilities conducted in 1997 resulted in the establishment of the PSP Recapitalization Program. The program, a cooperative venture among the Navy, Army, Air Force, CFRETS and the Canadian Forces Personnel Support Agency, has assigned a large amount of financial resources to renovating or constructing base/wing and unit facilities in 1998/99, and the trend will continue into 2000.



These projects are designed to improve facilities for CF members and their families, and range from renovating existing buildings such as gymnasiums and arenas, to construction of new community

centres, pools and sports complexes.

Many bases and wings already recognize the results of the construction program. Recently completed projects include the new construction and renovation of an existing arena at Borden, new construction of a sports complex at Cold Lake, arena renovations at Comox, a new community centre at Edmonton, renovations to community centre in Greenwood, arena renovations at Kingston/RMC, and a new fitness centre at CFC in Toronto.

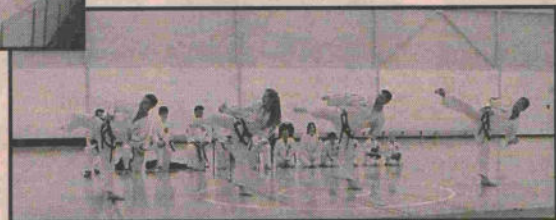
On deck in the next year are numerous renovations and new construction in many locations including Bagotville, Esquimalt, Galetown, Halifax, Petawawa, Shilo,

Valcartier and Borden.

In all, more than \$130 million has been allotted to the Construction Program over the next few years.

"There's no question that improved facilities will enhance our fitness, sports and recreation programs," attests Randy Helgason, Director of Personnel Support Programs Resources. "Renovation and construction provide a direct correlation to improved physical and emotional well being for all members of a base, wing or unit. Whether it's a community centre or a new pool, the construction program provided tangible evidence of the Canadian Forces' commitment to enhancing the overall quality of the military community."

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Remembrance Day Awareness

by Mr. John Gural

A Remembrance Poetry Contest was conducted by the Army, Navy and Airforce Veterans of Canada Unit #283 Over Sixty and Retired Club. The participants were the students of Golden Gate Middle School Grades 6, 7 and 8. This is the third year for this contest. The previous schools in the St. James Assiniboia School Division that competed were Lincoln Middle School and Hedges Middle School.

There were three prizes awarded for each grade level. The first place winners of each grade read their poems to the members at the Over Sixty and Retired meeting on November 9, 1999. The poems were then read again on November 11, 1999 at the

Veterans' Memorial service at the ANAVETS Unit #283, 2584 Portage Avenue.

Those that heard the recitals were very pleased and felt a degree of gratification in the substance of the poems. We thank Mrs. Connie Newman, Principal for allowing the school to participate in this program and congratulate all the students who competed. Also thank you to Cathy Smith for co-ordinating the activity. This is a continuing annual program and next year another middle school will be chosen to participate.

The winners were: Grade 6 - Grace Krishna; Gr. 7 - Elizabeth Skoropata; Gr. 8 - Brett Kolesnik. The contest was directed by Mr. John Gural.

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17 Wing Quality of Life Presentations

by Cpl Debbie Reid, 17 Wing Quality of Life member.

HMCS CHIPPAWA has received a new facility downtown. In the process, LCdr Heard voluntarily involved himself with the study of the plans and through long hours on his own time, discovered flaws that would have had a significant impact on the day-to-day life of many of the sailors. It was strongly felt that through due diligence and relentless hours of his own time, he went beyond the call of duty to ensure that the sailors would get a well-thought-out work environment in which the best conditions would be provided to them for the accomplishment of their

mission. As such he was awarded with the Quality of Life Appreciation award.

MCpl Tom Fagan was recognized by his unit for his profound dedication and has accomplished several noted work related projects for the Wing. He has participated in noteworthy volunteer projects such as the sale of T-shirts, which raised \$14,250.00 for flood victims in 1997. He recently taught and was instrumental in rewriting the Human Factors and Maintenance course, which continues to be taught to both 435 and 402 Sqn and to private industry. He is presently developing and will be instructing to both squadrons an in

house Confined Space Fuel Entry Course to 435/402 personnel. He co-ordinates and participates in 435 Sqn intersection golf and curling and has assumed the task of managing the SQN kit stores, which was at the Winnipeg Air Show. Although heavily tasked, MCpl Fagan continues to constantly take on volunteer work and significant projects, which are of benefit to the CF. He consistently performs his daily workload extremely well and with a positive attitude and a smile. Members of 435 Squadron feel MCpl Fagan is a great ambassador for the CF and sets an excellent example for others to follow and was therefore a

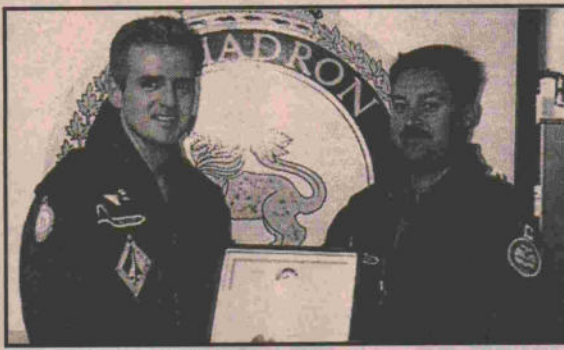
recipient of the Quality of Life Appreciation Award.

For the past two years, Lt(N) Donna Dynes has been the driving force behind the development of the 17 Wing Whole Life Workshop Program. The Whole Life Workshop was initiated under the concept of coordinating the multiple Quality of Life Programs offered by health care and other disciplines throughout the Wing. Recognizing that the original concept failed to meet unit specific needs, Lt(N) Dynes set several initiatives that eliminated duplication of services, placed the user units in control of programs offered and restructured content to

become more appropriate to today's lifestyle demands. With little or no assistance she identified lifestyle shortfalls, recruited expert presenters and organized workshops that met unit specific schedules. To date, Lt(N) Dynes has conducted five 3-day workshops and multiple half-day seminars. Each of these has received accolades by all that have attended and/or presented. She has designed a program that has become an integral part of 17 Wing's Quality of Life assurance. Her vision and dedication have made her well deserving of the Quality of Life Appreciation Award.



LCdr Heuthorst, XO of HMCS CHIPPAWA, looks on while Cpl Debbie Reid, (right) Quality of Life member, presents a \$200.00 cheque and an Appreciation Award Certificate to LCdr Rick Heurn on behalf of the 17 Wing Quality of Life Working Group.



Cpl Mike Dutcher, Quality of Life member, presents a \$200.00 cheque and an Appreciation Award Certificate to MCpl Tom Fagan, 435 Squadron, on behalf of the 17 Wing Quality of Life Working Group.



Cpl Mike Dutcher, Quality of Life member, presents a \$200.00 cheque and an Appreciation Award Certificate to Lt(N) Donna Dynes, 17 Med Sqn, on behalf of the 17 Wing quality of Life Working Group.

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Mon 20 Dec	0730-2100	1130-1300	1300-1500	Tue 28 Dec	0730-2100	1130-1300	1300-1500/1800-2000
Tue 21 Dec	0730-2100	1130-1300	1300-1500/1800-2000	Wed 29 Dec	0730-2100	1130-1300	1300-1500
Wed 22 Dec	0730-2100	1130-1300	1300-1500	Thu 30 Dec	0730-2100	1130-1300	1300-1500/1800-2000
Thu 23 Dec	0730-2100	1130-1300	1300-1500/1800-2000	Fri 31 Dec	0730-1600	1130-1300	1300-1500
Fri 24 Dec	0730-1600	1130-1300	1300-1500	Sat 01 Jan	Closed - Happy New Year		
Sat 25 Dec	Closed - Merry Christmas			Sun 02 Jan	0900-1600	1130-1300	1300-1500
Sun 26 Dec	0900-1600	Pool Closed		Mon 03 Jan	Back to normal schedule		
Mon 27 Dec	0730-2100	1130-1300	1300-1500				

The Rec Centre Staff would like to wish you all a safe and Happy Holiday Season!

100th Anniversary

In the year 2000 the serving and retired members of Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the raising of Strathcona's horse. This momentous occa-

sion will be marked by a series of projects both in Edmonton and across Canada. If you have ever served in or with the Strathconas you are invited to join us in these celebrations.

From 17-21 May 2000 all serving and retired Strathconas, including all trades that have ever served with the regiment, will be gathering in Edmonton for Reunion 2000. This reunion will include the presentation of a new guidon, hopefully by HRH Charles, Prince of Wales, as well as a reunion dinner and a Freedom of the City Parade.

The regiment's mounted troop will also conduct a cross Canada tour, from Edmonton to Halifax, running from May to July 2000. All present and retired members of the CF are invited to come watch these fabulous free shows. The schedule is posted on the regimental society's internet website www.strathconas.com

If you have ever served with the Strathconas and wish to join us at the reunion, or need general information, contact the Celebration 2000 Office in Edmonton at CSN 528-3169. We can also be reached on email at C2000@canada.com or on the DWAN by writing to Lt K Gustafson, HQ SQN, LDSH(RC).

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