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### Year's First Logistics Parade Awards

On 31 Jan 02, members of the Logistics Branch came together for the first Wing Logistics Parade of the New Year. The Branch was proudly represented by individuals from each of its component squadrons, which include Wing Telecommunications and Information Services Squadron (WTISS), Wing Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Squadron (W EME), Wing Construction Engineering (W CE), Wing Supply (W Sup), Wing Transport (W Tn) and Wing Food Services (W Foods). The Master of Ceremonies for the

Parade was Lt Bacon (W EME). The parade was commanded by LCol G Pratt, Wing Logistics Officer and the Parade 2 I/C was Maj D Barton, Wing EME Officer. There were two flights on Parade with Capt K Clupp (WCE), and Lt B Achiem (WTISS) as Flight Officers and MWO J Messier (WSup) and WO S Noble (W EME) as the flight Warrant Officers. The Parade Chief Warrant Officer position was held by CWO B Lauzon. The Reviewing Officer for the Parade was BGen J.D. Hunter, Vice Commander of Cheyenne Mountain

Operations Centre, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The Logistics branch was able to take the opportunity to present awards to deserving individuals on parade while surrounded by their peers and co-workers.

The Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal was presented to the following individuals on parade: Cpl G Tohms WCE and Cpl R Smith WCE. The following individuals received their first clasp to their Canadian Forces Decorations:

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### Dottie's Wishes Come True



After receiving a very heartfelt letter from Dottie, our Firehall Dalmatian, Santa supplied her with a new bed to replace her old one. Dottie also received a CF coat to wear on parades from the good and talented tailor, Mrs. Maffola, at 17 Wing Supply. Many Thanks to all those who contributed to make Dottie's Christmas special! Presented by Lt Claude Thibeault A/WCEO. Submitted by Sgt Bennett and Mrs. Barb Lillico.

### CFPSA Peacekeeper Awards Presented

BY KAREN POETKER

Awards were presented to four members of 17 Wing Winnipeg on January 26 in Ottawa-Hull at the CFPSA conference. The awards, granted to Chris Merrithew, Tammy Audet, Rick Phillips and James Follette, were to honour their time spent abroad with the CF during the war in Bosnia.

Sports Coordinator Chris Merrithew spent seven months abroad with the troops, explaining that his decision to go was fuelled by a desire to see what the CF troops would experience.

"I wanted to go with 2 PPCLI to see what their experiences were like and to make it easier for the troops. Our group was very special and unique, especially since we were the first group abroad-sort of like pioneers," he said.

Merrithew said that it was a "challenging and rewarding experience," something that made him appreciate coming home to Canada.

"It really opened my eyes, and I learned to not take things for granted. I would definitely go back in the future, and am happy I had the opportunity to see what a beautiful country Bosnia is and to work with some locals.

James Follette, who also spent time overseas in charge of HLTL and as an R & R travel coordinator, said that his fondest memory was of the welcome he received from the

Canadian soldiers situated in Bosnia.

"When I arrived there, my reception was very warm and welcoming. It was a really nice way to start the tour, and I knew that I would do a good job for them. Being able to be a part of the solution, instead of just discussing the problem, was a really positive experience."

He also felt that the experience was invaluable and contributed to a renewed appreciation of Canada. Being able to see the locals in their own environment was a learning experience. Furthermore, Follette added that his experiences with the troops enabled him to build gaps with those military members that have fought overseas.

Tammy Audet spent 10 months away from home as a travel coordinator with 17 Wing Winnipeg and credited the experience gained from her venture abroad for her gratitude for Canada and her absolute assurance that she would do it all over again.

Facility Coordinator Rick Phillips spent seven months away from home as an R & R coordinator and is thinking about repeating this adventure in the next year or so, recalling that the people and culture contributed to his fond memories.

Each winner was flown into Ottawa-Hull for the presentation of the Peacekeeper Medal and a special plaque commemorating their efforts.



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The one-year (academic year) scholarship is provided annually to one employee in each of the following categories: Scientific and Professional; Administrative Support; Administrative and Foreign Service; Operational; and Technical. One additional scholarship is also available for one Aboriginal employee, another one for members of visible minorities and a third one for employees with disabilities. The Selection Committee will also ensure a fair representation of men and women.

## Benefits of the Program include:

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- Failure to successfully complete the training in whole or in part.
- Failure to remain a federal public servant for the equivalent of twice the study period upon completion of the scholarship.

Director General, Learning and Professional Development (GLPD) will review each case to determine the recipient's level of responsibility and the level of reimbursement if applicable.

## Applicants must:

- Meet the language requirements of their substantive position;
- Not currently be engaged in a full-time government subsidized long-term training or development program;
- Not have received government subsidized long-term full-time training (excluding Language Training);
- Not receive other DND funding in conjunction with the financial assistance provided under this Program;
- Choose a field of study reflective of their career development plan and of DND/public service needs and which enhances their employability;
- Apply to a recognized Canadian educational institution offering the proposed study program and at the closest proximity to their residence;
- Meet the minimum education for admission to the selected program;
- Possess, as a minimum, a "fully satisfactory" record of performance for the last three years;

- Secure the authorization from their manager to attend the study program;
- Have demonstrated a commitment to continuous learning;
- Utilize the scholarship during the year it is granted.

## Application Process:

Complete the Departmental Scholarship Program application form and enclose:

- A letter indicating:
- training and development activities taken during and outside working hours;
- how the requested training is reflective of DND/public service needs and would enhance your employability; and,
- how you intend to complete the training program if it is not completed during the year of the scholarship.
- Your career plan (it should demonstrate how the requested training will allow you to reach your professional objectives).
- Your résumé (c.v.).
- Proof of education (highest level obtained).
- Your letter of offer and any other document which confirms your language profile.
- Justification (including approximate cost of relocation and travel) along with the application form when the selected educational institution is not in close proximity with the residence.

## Submission of Applications:

Application forms, with supporting documentation, must be forwarded no later than 27 Mar 02, to:

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JTF 2 is the CF unit responsible for federal counter-terrorist and hostage rescue operations, and any other task in response to a potential national security threat. The unit's role demands continuous, intensive training and a high level of operational readiness.

As a member of this unit, you will be offered an incomparable experience in an operations-oriented team environment. Using realistic and demanding training scenarios, unit members learn how to employ specialized tactics, techniques and equipment. This unit also offers numerous travel and personal development opportunities for its members. JTF 2 needs mature, fit, responsible people ready to push themselves to the limit.

## How to apply

The unit is currently made up of two categories: A and B. Category A special operations assaulters, are directly employable in the tactical aspects of the unit mission. Category B members perform support service functions, and the unit is currently seeking applications for several support occupations. The unit is no longer recruiting for mobility personnel, who serve a direct combat support function.

## Category A applicants

**Step 1:** Volunteers from the Regular and Reserve force with a minimum of two and three years of experience respectively in the CF can apply through their chain of command by submitting a memo and completing an application form for JTF 2 service through their Commanding Officer.

**Step 2:** Applicants must successfully complete the JTF 2 physical fitness test by meeting, or exceeding, the following minimum standards:

- 2.4 km run completed in 9:45 or less
- 40 push-ups with no rest stops
- 40 sit-ups in one minute
- 5 overhand, straight arm pull-ups
- 1 bench press of 65 kg

**Step 3:** Applicants are screened, interviewed and tested for cognitive ability at their base personnel selection office.

**Step 4:** Suitable applicants are invited to attend a six to eight day selection process at the unit. A pre-selection training program is available at any base PSP office. Applicants are strongly encouraged to prepare for the process using this package.



**Step 5:** Selected candidates are posted to the unit on an advanced training list until successful completion of their course.

## Category B applicants

**Step 1:** Members must volunteer through their chain of command. Category B members are selected based on their trade skills, job performance, qualification and personnel profile, and on CO and career manager recommendations.

**Step 2:** Suitable candidates will be invited to the unit to undertake a physical fitness evaluation and an interview. For more information on how to apply, call the JTF 2 information line at 1-800-959-9188 or refer to CANFORGEN 004/02.

A recruiting team will be conducting a series of general information briefings at CF bases across the country. These briefings are unclassified and spouses are invited to attend. **The date for 17 Wing is 12 June 02.**



## Congratulations

**Awards, Continued from P1**  
 Sgt R Winfield W EME, MCpl A Lefebvre W EME, MCpl K Closen W EME, Sgt R Haskett W EME and Sgt DW Mathews WCE. Canadian Decorations were presented to following: MCpl A Zeidler WCE, Cpl WM White WCE, Cpl G Tohms WCE and Cpl FJ Taylor WCE. Sgt J Dionne was recognized for his recent promotion to his current rank in Jan 02. Congratulations to all the members of the Logistics Branch who have received awards and promotions.

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# Onward and upward

BY HOLLY BRIDGES

At the end of the day, while most of us are inching along in rush hour traffic, Corporal Allan ComÈ is riding the 4:15 p.m. bus that climbs ever upward from deep within the Canadian Shield. It's time for a shift change at the Underground Complex at 22 Wing North Bay and Cpl ComÈ is going home.

For the Surveillance and Identification Technician at 21 Aerospace Control and Warning Squadron, timing is everything.

"I take the 4:15 bus to the south portal and I have to be on that bus or I am walking out," says Cpl ComÈ. "In the morning, I leave home early to make sure I don't miss the 7:10 bus. It all revolves around the bus schedule." Cpl ComÈ comes from a long line of military personnel who have made the same journey every day since the early 1960s when Canada began safeguarding our airspace under the North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD) agreement. It was the height of the Cold War and it seemed only natural to build Canada's nerve centre for air sovereignty in the safest place possible: 195 metres underground. Forty years later, with the Cold War over and the risk of nuclear war diminished, the Air Force is planning to close the underground complex and build a high-tech, state-of-the-art air operations centre above ground.

"I am looking forward to working in a building where I can look outside and see the sunshine," says Cpl ComÈ. "It will save me almost 45 minutes a day and I will be able to go outside any time. It will be nice to breathe fresh air again." Moving the very core of Canada's air defence capability upward and into the light is symbolic of the regeneration that is taking place across the board within the Air Force. Whether it's an avionics upgrade to the CF-18 Hornet and CP-140 Aurora, the modification of two CC-150 Polarix aircraft to provide Strategic Air-to-Air-Refuelling, the procurement of a new Maritime Helicopter and Future Strategic Airlifter, or synthetic modelling and simulation, it is clear the Air Force is undertaking its most comprehensive modernization in decades. Colonel Dave Burt, Director Air Requirements (DAR), the Directorate responsible for operational requirements development, says the time has come to regenerate, renew and, in some cases, replace.

"We have all lived in an Air Force for years where we have done well with equipment that was less than the latest. It was still competitive. Indeed, it was always safe. We don't fly unsafe equipment. It's true there have been documented shortcomings with different components of different fleets; however, those shortcomings have not prevented us from getting what we call 'a ticket to the dance'. Will that prevent us in the future? Yes, it will. And that's why

we're going through the processes that we're going through now."

And although certain aircraft such as the CH-113 Labrador and the CH-124 Sea King helicopters are being completely replaced, Col Burt says there are ways to extend the lifespan of certain other aircraft. "Having spent so much time with the CF-18 and other aircraft, I feel passionate that we do something to make these aircraft last for a longer period of time. And through the process, we're going to have some pretty awesome aircraft. The CC-130 Hercules, for example, now has a significantly expanded lifetime and a much better instrument capability. The CP-140 Aurora, with some of its new equipment, particularly its radar, is going to become a Strategic Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance aircraft for the Canadian Forces. And the CF-18, in spite of the fact it has the same airframe and engines (as in the 1970s)...by introducing an avionics foundation and putting on advanced, digital weapons, this aircraft will be competitive against a sophisticated adversary for the expanded lifetime of the aircraft, up to the 2017-2020 timeframe."

Col Burt says another way to extend the lifetime of certain fleets is to exploit new and emerging technologies to create synthetic training environments. For example, the Air Force is currently researching ways to simulate exercises as potentially complex as MAPLE FLAG using on-line technology. And although certain exercises would eventually have to be conducted in real-time using real aircraft, rehearsing and training on-line first creates enormous cost-savings and preserves the aircraft for when they are truly needed.

"We can't afford to continue doing business in the same way we're doing now. If we do so, a few years down the road, we're going to have to pick components of our Canadian Forces, establish priorities and decide not to have those components any longer. That's what we would have to do if we don't find a more efficient way to train. And that's really another element of my passion; we have an opportunity to find more efficient ways to train based upon the simulation technologies that are advancing rapidly.

"My goal is to change our philosophy, to have a paradigm shift in the way we understand training so that we do it more cost-effectively."

Take for example the work being done on the \$200-million Advanced Distributed Combat Training System for CF-18 Simulation. Col Burt and his staff at DAR have been able to prove to senior leaders within the Air Force and DND that, by spending money to enhance the aircraft's training systems, the lifespan of the CF-18 will actually be extended by 25-30 per cent, or four to five years.

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## A New Era

The History of Southport, Part Two: 1964 - 76

BY DAVE MCCOUBRY

A new era of pilot training had begun as the role of No.1 AFS was changed to "provide twin-engine advanced flying and conversion training to ab initio pilots and to conduct refresher training to pilots returning to flying duties upon completion of staff tours". The aircraft used in this new role was the Beech 18 C-45 or Expeditor - affectionately referred to as the "Bug Smasher".

The following year, on 15 January 1965, No.1 AFS was redesignated No.3 Flying Training School (FTS). Its role was altered to "conduct an advanced pilot training course to wings standard for RCAF and RCN students, as well as conduct a course to bring RCAF Tutor and Canadian Army pilots up to the same wings standard on the Expeditor". The first of many Tanzanian pilots received his wings from No.1 AFS on 24 October 1965.

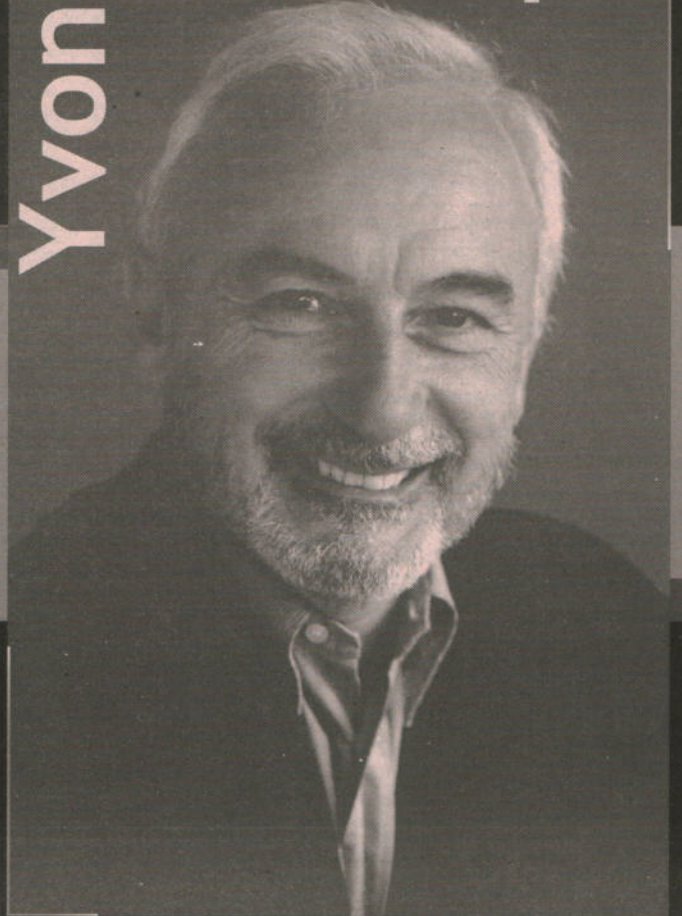
As a result of integration, RCAF Station Portage la Prairie was renamed Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Portage la Prairie on 1 April 1966 and the Station Commander became known as the Base Commander. On 13 October of that year, the responsibility for No. 1 FIS was transferred to Central Flying School (CFS) in Winnipeg, but the unit continued to operate as a Detachment out of Portage la Prairie. Although the program to train Malaysian and Tanzanian pilots ended in 1968, candidates from other countries such as Greece, Norway, Denmark, Kenya and Uganda would continue for several years. A sad day for all military personnel occurred on 31 January 1968 when the RCAF, RCN and Canadian Army merged under the terms of integration and unified to become one entity - the Canadian Armed Forces.

In spite of the apparent demise of CFB Portage la Prairie in November 1969, caused by the pending cessation of multi-engine training on the Expeditor, the year of 1970 brought renewed hope and change. In July, No. 4 FTS, with its Hiller/Nomad helicopters, L-19 and L-182D observation aircraft, arrived from Rivers, Manitoba, and the Primary Flying School (PFS), with its Chipmunk aircraft, relocated from Camp Borden, Ontario. These two units, along with No. 3 FTS, were amalgamated and re-designated No.3 CFPTS - the name that still exists today at Southport. The mandate of the new unit was to "provide flight selection testing, basic flying training and helicopter conversion training". 1970 also saw the relocation of No.1 FIS to Moose Jaw Saskatchewan and the official approval of the Base crest; an initiative that had been started in the late 1950s.

On 20 May 1971, the Musketeer became the primary pilot trainer aircraft, replacing the Chipmunks, which were all flown to Saskatoon for disposal later in July. The Hiller/Nomad helicopter met a similar fate when it was replaced in March 1972 by the Kiowa. Throughout the remainder of the 1970s, CFB Portage la Prairie maintained a rather stable existence. The aerodrome runways, drainage and lighting were upgraded in 1973/74. Base personnel were granted the "Freedom of the City" in September 1973. The utility and versatility of the helicopter was quickly recognized at all levels of the Canadian Forces and local governments as the Kiowa was often called upon to assist with floods, forest fires, elk counts, bus strikes and SAR duties. Renovations and improvements were made to buildings and amenities on base, and on 9 April 1976, the first "Good Neighbour Day" was held to show appreciation to the local farmers for allowing the helicopters to land in their fields while conducting training manoeuvres.

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# Employment Equity News

Currently 17 Wing has one active Advisory Group - Defence Aboriginal Advisory Group. 17 Wing Human Resource Business Managers office is seeking interest in forming Advisory Groups for the remaining Designated Groups. If anyone is interested in participating or wants to help form an Advisory Group, please contact 17 Wing HRBM office at 5910.



## DAAG Defence Aboriginal Awareness Group

The mission of the 17 Wing's Defence Aboriginal Advisory Group (DAAG) is to provide support and promote Aboriginal issues with 17 Wing and Community and to advise the Wing Commander. 17 Wing DAAG Chair - Sgt Vince Henderson Co-chairs - Brenda Everett & Cpl Corena Latendra.

**20-25 May 2002**

*Aboriginal Awareness Week*

**21 June 2002**

*National Aboriginal Day*

**25 July - 5 August 2002**

*North American Indigenous Games*

**8 Nov 2002**

*Aboriginal Veterans Day*



## DAG PWD Defence Advisory Group Persons with Disabilities

The purpose of a DAG PWD is to exchange information on issues affecting persons with disabilities within the department, maintains networks with the other departmental Advisory Groups, links with other Federal government Advisory Groups and external agencies.

**3 December 2002**

*International Day of Disabled Persons*

**2 - 8 June 2002**

*National Access Awareness Week*



## DWAQ Defence Women's Advisory Organization

The mission of a Defence Women's Advisory Organization (DWAQ) is to identify workforce concerns affecting women and advise on how to resolve them.

**3 - 9 March 2002**

*International Women's Week*

**8 March 2002**

*International Women's Day*

**October 2002**

*Women's History Month in Canada*

**18 October 2002**

*Persons Day*

**6 December 2002**

*National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women*



## DVMAG Defence Visible Minority Advisory Group

The purpose of a DVMAG is to exchange information on issues affecting the Visible Minority Persons within the department, maintains networks with the other departmental Advisory Groups, links with other Federal government Advisory Groups and external agencies.

**21 March 2002**

*International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination*



## Inscriptions à la maternelle du 4 au 8 mars 2002

Les inscriptions à la maternelle publique FRANÇAISE de l'école Taché auront lieu pendant la semaine du 4 au 8 mars. Les enfants âgés de cinq (5) ans avant le 31 décembre 2002 pourront être inscrits pour l'année scolaire 2002-2003. Un certificat de naissance de l'enfant ou autre preuve d'âge devra être présenté au moment de l'inscription. L'école Taché est bien reconnue pour son excellence académique.

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## What is Employment Equity?

Since 1983, DND has been responsible for implementing an employment equity program under the Financial Administration Act. In 1996, the enactment of the new Employment Equity Act added new requirements for employers and included the federal public service.

The Act requires employers to adopt measures to achieve a workforce with representation of the four designated groups commensurate with their availability in the labour force.

Designated groups are:

- **Women**
- **Aboriginal persons** (Persons who are Indians, Inuit, or Metis)
- **Persons with disabilities**  
Persons who have a long-term or recurring physical, mental, sensory, psychiatric or learning impairment and who:
  - a Consider themselves to be disadvantaged in employment by reason of that impairment, or;
  - b Believe that an employer or potential employer is likely to consider them to be disadvantaged in employment by reason of that impairment; and includes persons whose functional limitations owing to their impairment have been accommodated in their current job or workplace.
- **Members of visible minorities**  
Persons, other than aboriginal peoples, who are non-Caucasian in race or non-white in colour.

DND is committed to the principles of the Employment Equity Act and of having a workforce representative of Canadian Society. For more information about the Act and Employment Equity initiatives, please contact **Brenda Stouffer WHRBM, Local 5910**

## Aardvark in action

BY CAPT VANCE WHITE

BOSANSKI PETROVAC, Bosnia-Herzegovina - Training is an important part of military life that continues even when soldiers are on operations. In a land filled with mines, befriending a creature that can root them out is a good idea.

Several combat engineers and maintenance specialists from the Canadian Battle Group in Bosnia recently completed a course that qualified them to operate and maintain the Aardvark, a mine-clearing machine that flails the ground, detonating anything in its path. The machine is named after an anteater that digs its food out of the ground with sharp claws.

"This particular Aardvark vehicle has had about 200 hours of use over the past two years," said Sgt Douglas Rognon, course co-ordinator and Canadian Battle Group Engineer Recce Sergeant (serving with 5 Combat Engineer Regiment). "Twenty of those hours were for operational use in Kosovo." Students on the course represent the combat engineer and maintenance sections from the main Canadian BG locations: Zgon, Velika Kladusa, Drvar and Tomislavgrad. If the Aardvark is required, there is flexibility within the BG to have operators and mechanics in different locations so sub-units are not drained of their resources.

*Continued on P 9, Aardvark*



France's Valentine's Day stamp is more than meets the eye.

## A Heart for Valentine's Day

BY ALF BROOKS

Postal administrations look for opportunities to issue postage stamps for occasions and to commemorate events. For the last few years, France has issued a number of heart-shaped stamps for February 14, Valentine's Day. And, as you look at the accompanying illustration of France's stamp for this year, perhaps you comment on the artistry that produced a heart shape that is somewhat irregular, but put this down to artistic freedom. Try again.

The stamp is a reproduction of an aerial photograph picturing a clearing in a mangrove swamp in New Caledonia. The photograph was taken by Yann Arthus-Bertrand; it is part of a photographic project named Earth From Above, under the patronage of UNESCO.

### Employment Equity Awareness Sessions

**1st Session - 28 February 02**  
**2nd Session - 28 March 02**  
**CFSAS Theatre at 0800 - 1200**

These sessions will provide you with a clear definition of the Employment Equity Act, an understanding of how the Act applies to the DND - Civilian and Canadian Forces and also with a sense of some of the workplace challenges for women, aboriginal persons, visible minorities and persons with disabilities. Feel free to call Wing Human Resources Business Manager's office at 5910 for further information.



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MGen Lucas talks with an airman during an inspection.

## 1 CAD Commander enthusiastic about Air Force future

BY HOLLY BRIDGES

In the year and a half since taking command of 1 Canadian Air Division (1 CAD), Major-General Steve Lucas has seen first-hand how professionally and capably Air Force personnel have responded to taskings both at home and abroad. The Commander says by visiting each and every Wing, talking with members at all levels, and watching personnel at work, his sense of pride and enthusiasm for the organization has only become greater.

"Certainly from everything I have seen during my time as the Commander, and earlier as one of the General Officers in this Headquarters here, we have got some great people in the field. They're doing superb work and I think the Canadian public is very well served by the Air Force and by the members of the Canadian Forces."

And according to the Commander, it was particularly impressive to watch how various Wings responded to the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

"I would have to say the response to September 11 was a tremendous reward for me. I happened to be at 3 Wing Bagotville on that day and I was terrifically impressed with 3 Wing's response. Everyone was extremely professional — just absolutely everything you would want from an organization and they did it that day. And as I got back to Winnipeg and received reports of how other units had responded, it was clear to me that our Air Force responded magnificently. With respect to NORAD, I was also tremendously impressed with our work in that sector. I have to say that I have been very proud of our contribution to NORAD over the past while."

"As Commander of the organization, I consider the very high quality of our response to be one of my greatest rewards, just watching our people do well, in a professional and timely manner. Just well done all around."

MGen Lucas says a lot changed for Canada's Air Force after September 11, particularly the way in which it responds to taskings. "Certainly in the period leading up to September 11, I think the Air Force leadership and the leadership of the Canadian Forces had been very successful at tempering the enthusiasm for deploying our forces. I think we had, in a number of cases, made the choice to turn down the opportunity to send our folk abroad. Obviously, we went forward with an indication of our capability to do something, but we also made a recommendation as to whether or not we thought it was a good idea. And from my perspective I was tremendously encouraged that in those cases where we indicated that we didn't think that it was a good idea to deploy a unit for a number of reasons, we received great support. In fact in all the cases I can think of we did not deploy the forces."

"Now I have to say that things changed on September 11 because I think the threat to Canada and the threat to North America changed at that point in time. And in fact it did call for a higher level of security which generated a higher level of activity. We saw a tremendous response by the Sea King community and I've been very impressed with what they've been able to put out the door for their first rotation of six months. It's a significant percentage of their overall capability and far more than I think we'd have been able to expect. They're doing great work."

MGen Lucas says the hard work and dedication by personnel at various Wings to prepare for OP APOLLO has, in many ways, provided a rallying point and given members a renewed sense of purpose and motivation.

"Post September 11, I think people recognize that circumstances are different now and we've received very little negative feedback from our folk. They understand that this is why they joined the organization, this is what the Canadian Forces is all about and there's a lot of keenness and enthusiasm to get out there and demonstrate their professionalism."

Although OP APOLLO has showcased the best the Air Force has to offer, MGen Lucas says sustainability will be challenging, not only for the CH-124 Sea Kings, but for the CP-140 Aurora, the CC-150 Polaris and the CC-130 Hercules when they deploy. As with any operation of this

## 'Prestigious qualification'



Maj Gergely, WCEO congratulates Ms Bonnie Bileski, 17 WCE Property Officer as she shows off her Certificate as a Certified Leasing Officer (CLO). This prestigious qualification from the Real Estate Institute of Canada (REIC) recognizes her many hours of training and experience - both of which she brings to good use on behalf of DND and 17 Wing. Congratulations Bonnie.

## 'Outstanding contribution'



In support of 2001 being International Year of Volunteers, Col D.C. McLennan presented EAP Referral Agents (RA) with a plaque for their outstanding contribution to the Employee Assistance Program. Standing back row is RA Stu Cains, RA Jonathan Cote, Col Doug McLennan (WComd). Standing front row is RA Darcy Flett, Brenda Stouffer (HRBM), RA Gerry Johanson, and RA Mark Brown. Missing in the photo is CWO Madeline Nobbs, EAP Chairperson (CWO Nobbs was presented with her plaque at the LMRC on 31 Jan 02).

magnitude, the Air Force must strike a balance between sustaining its overseas commitments while not over-taxing the units at home, which support them. MGen Lucas says that speaks to the overall concern the Air Force has with respect to stressed trades and the desire to spread the workload evenly among units and Wings.

"What we're trying to do here as we examine certain parts of the organization that are under stress and pressure is try to offer alternatives. For instance we might say "this particular group has done their share and more now, how about considering a contribution from this other part of the organization?" This other unit may well have tremendous capability, which they may be able to contribute and they may not have been as stressed over the last while. And so that's one of the means we use to share the load."

"And it's not just units that are busy. It's also occupations. There are some occupations all the way from Intelligence Officers to Cooks that support almost all deployments. They tend to be people that no unit has enough of to deploy and so they borrow them from other organizations. So that's part of the force that is under some stress as well. And our mitigation there is to try to look at the overall number of people we have in these occupations that have been stressed over the past while and see if we can make some modifications, possibly increasing the size of the MOC."

MGen Lucas says one of the ways to deal with the problem is to ask for input from Wing Commanders and Squadron Commanders "who are not afraid to put up their hand and indicate when they think it's time to back off a little bit. They're very clear in that and I heed their advice very carefully and I'm pleased to say that when we've gone forward to say the time is right to back off that in fact we've received support at the highest levels."

Although the Air Force is at a very mature point in terms of the life of much of its equipment, it is clear that the current "regeneration" of the Air Force is going to help tremendously. The Commander of 1 CAD says there will be challenges to upgrading or in some cases replacing certain fleets while at the same time maintaining operations, however, he says it's a necessary offshoot of becoming more capable.

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# WCompt Long Service Awards & WCE Retirement



The WCompt Long Service Award Presentations were held on 01 February 02. Maj Tim Auger presented personnel with Public Service Long Service Awards (LSA) of appreciation at an Awards Presentation held 30 Jan 02. The following WCompt staff received their 15 year LSA: from left to right: Ms. Max Harten, Ms. Judy Bosko-Neufeld, Maj Auger, and Mrs. Betty Fuller.



Maj Gyula Gergely presents Mr. Ulysse Hamelin with his 20 years Retirement Certificate. He also received his 15 year LSA. Mr. Hamelin is retiring from Public Service after 20 years of outstanding service. Best wishes are extended for his future.

## Fifteen Year LSA presented by Maj Gyula Gergely, 30 Jan 02



Mr. Scott Edwards

Mr. Dave Edwards

Ms. Vicki Gallimore

Mr. Fredrick John Shalapata

Mr. Chris Young

Mr. Robert McLaren

Ms. Janet Blanchard

Ms. Gisele Charron



Mr. Chris Egli

Mr. Gary Kremski

Mr. David Godfrey

Mr. Bill Baetsen

Mr. Barry Saurette

Mr. Craig Oversby

Mr. Ian Taylor

Mr. Thaddie Porter

## Twenty Five Year LSA presented by Maj Gyula Gergely, 30 Jan 02



Mr. Ronald Rivard

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## 'Different mines cause different damage'

**Aardvark, continued from P 7** > The importance of the qualification is simple. Engineers use the Aardvark to prove sectors, helicopter landing sites, work sites and other locations essential to the mission. The instructors are Sergeant (Ret) Brian Goode and Chief Warrant Officer (Ret) Bill Elliot, who served in the Royal Engineers and Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, respectively.

"Different mines cause different damage to the flail," explained CWO Elliot, who had 23 years of service in the British Army before joining Aardvark, the company that makes the machines, six years ago. "Blast mines just damage the chains, which can be replaced by the operator. Shape-charged mines

can cause significant damage to the rotor and other parts of the machine."

The two-week course includes four days of theoretical classes followed by practical use and maintenance of the vehicle. During the classroom portion of the course, students learn the capabilities of the Aardvark. The 13.6-ton vehicle, which can be transported by CC-130 Hercules, cuts a swath 3-metres wide in a minefield. The machine's 72 chains hit the ground with six tons of pressure each second. Depending on the type of soil and speed of the vehicle, the chains penetrate 10-60 cm into the ground. CWO Elliot estimated the flail could clear up to 1000 m<sup>2</sup> per hour if the depth of penetration was limited to 10 cm.

## Chinthe Pics



Col McLennan, WComd, 17 Wg, presents an Air Command Commendation to MCpl Paul Jackman from 435 (T&R) Sqn



LCol Whitburn, CO 435 (T&R) Sqn, presents the Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal (CPSM) to Sqn members (L-R) MCpl McLean, LCol Whitburn and Capt Hunter.



Maj Peetsma, 435 Sqn SAMEO, and FSgt Darryn Boshier, New Zealand Exchange NCM, Exchanged tokens of appreciation to remember their participation in CANZEX 01. LCol Whitburn and CWO Martin were in attendance.

## Loan For Continuing Education Students

Lifelong learning is an important issue for the CF. In support of the belief continued education is always valuable, the CF Personnel Assistance Fund offers an Education Assistance Loan Program that assists CF members, current or retired, and their dependants with the cost of post-secondary education. The program offers low-interest loans of \$1 200, \$1 500, \$2 000 or \$2 500 per student per year, up to a maximum of \$10 000 lifetime per student. The loans are repaid by the member over a 12- or 24-month period.

For those seeking loans in support of classes beginning in September, submissions should be received by June 30. Applications are accepted throughout the year until available funds are exhausted.

Application forms are available from CF base financial counsellors, district offices of Veterans Affairs Canada and at provincial command offices of the Royal Canadian Legion. Forms may also be obtained by contacting CFPAP at 234 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, ON, K1P 6K6, (613) 760-3447 or 1-888-753-9828.

## Food Services

17 Wing Food Services is pleased to offer a variety of food services. The kitchen (bldg 61) is open daily from 0630 until 1830, 7 days per week to serve all ranks. Due to OP APOLLO commitments and the resulting staff shortages, the Officers' Mess is temporarily closed until further notice to regular steam line service. Soup, salad and sandwich service is still available in the lower lounge from 1100-1330 Mon - Fri at the Officers' Mess. Whether you are here on TD, a Live-in Member or a cash-paying individual, you will be sure to find a fresh and healthy selection to choose from including pizza, pasta, main steam line choices, sandwich and salad bars, soup and an à la carte menu.

For catering, coffee breaks, luncheons or mess dinners, feel free to call Sgt Smyth at local 5805 (Combined Ranks Kitchen) or Sgt Seymour (Officers' Mess Kitchen) at local 2230 for more information on how we can fulfil your food service needs.

The next time you forget your lunch or don't feel like driving off base, feel free to visit the 17 Wing Dining hall, our coffee is always on and fresh!!

## Women Working in Solidarity

International Women's Week - 3-9 March 02  
International Women's Day - 8 March 02

Canadians will celebrate International Women's Week (IWW) from 3-9 March 2002, with the highlight being International Women's Day (IWD) on 8 March. The Canadian theme for this year's International Women's Day/Week is "Working in Solidarity: Women, Human Rights and Peace". This theme recognizes the influence and the crucial role played by women in conflict resolution, peace negotiation and seeking social justice on the local, regional, national and international scenes. It also links well with the focus on the situation of Afghan women made more visible by the tragic events of September 11, 2001 as well as the reality of many women around the world who live with the daily threat of war, terrorism or violence. Several individuals and women's organizations are also becoming increasingly interested in the role of women in conflict resolution and peace negotiation as well as in taking action for replacing the global culture of violence with a culture of peace.

Every year on March 8, millions of women and men around the world celebrate International Women's Day. This day is an ideal opportunity to reflect on the progress made to advance women's equality, to assess the challenges facing women in contemporary society and to consider future steps to enhance women's quality of life and, of course, to celebrate the gains made. Women on all continents often divided by ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic and political differences come together to celebrate International Women's Day. It is a

celebration of ordinary women as makers of history, rallies, marches, fairs, receptions, shows, films and debates are held around the world to celebrate the achievements for women's equality.

A number of people believe that International Women's Day emanates from the labour strikes of female textile workers on March 8, in both 1857 and 1908, to protest against poor working conditions in New York City. Others say the first official reference to International Women's Day can be traced to a demonstration for women's suffrage organized by the National Association of Socialist Women. Referred to as "Women's Day", the demonstration took place on February 28, 1909 and had been celebrated annually in the United States on the last Sunday in February until 1913.

In 1977, two years after International Women's Year, the United Nations adopted a resolution inviting countries to dedicate one day to celebrate the rights of women and international peace. March 8 became the date of recognition in many countries. Over the course of the years, International Women's Day evolved into an occasion to highlight the progress made, to celebrate the gains in the fight for women's rights and to consider future steps to improve women's equality. The celebrations also grew and often stretched over a week, with March 8 being the highlight. This year in Canada, International Women's Week will be celebrated from Sunday, March 4 to Saturday, March 10, 2001.

For more information, call the 17 Wing HRBM office - Florence Bambenek @ 6715.



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# Important Dates in RCAF History by Chris Charland

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A Dorval, Quebec-based Canadair North Star Mk. I or No. 426 'Thunderbird' (T) Squadron. The North Star played a vital medical evacuation role during the Korean War. This particular aircraft was withdrawn from service with the RCAF in 1966. It went in to civilian use and registered CF-VLZ.

## AIRCRAFT TAKEN ON STRENGTH

DATE	TYPE OF AIRCRAFT	# OF TOS
24 JAN 1923	AVRO 504K	004
05 JAN 1926	ARMSTRONG WHITWORTH SISKIN MK III	002
16 JAN 1928	DE HAVILLAND D.H. 60 MOTH	024
16 JAN 1931	FAIRCHILD 51A	003
07 JAN 1937	HAWKER HART	001
23 JAN 1940	NORDUYN NORSEMAN MK IV	047
06 JAN 1941	CESSNA T-50 CRANE MK. I	644
18 JAN 1941	DE HAVILLAND D.H. 82C MENASCO MOTH II	126
22 JAN 1941	NORTH AMERICAN AT-6A HARVARD MK. IIB	210
30 JAN 1941	BRISTOL TYPE 142M BOLINGBROKE MK. IV	185
06 JAN 1943	BREWSTER MODEL 340 BERMUDA	003
21 JAN 1943	LOCKHEED 18-56 LODESTAR	018
26 JAN 1943	CURTISS MODEL 87A KITTYHAWK MK. III	015
28 JAN 1943	HAWKER HURRICANE MK. IIC	001
10 JAN 1944	AVRO 683 LANCASTER B. MK. 27	001
26 JAN 1945	DE HAVILLAND D.H. 98 MOSQUITO T. MK. 27	019
19 JAN 1948	DE HAVILLAND D.H. 100 VAMPIRE MK. III	085
03 JAN 1953	CANADAIR T-33 SILVER STAR MK. III	656
11 JAN 1961	CESSNA 182 (RCAF L-182 D/E/F)	004
16 JAN 1962	LOCKHEED 583A/CANADAIR CF-104D	022

## AIRCRAFT STRUCK OFF STRENGTH

DATE	TYPE OF AIRCRAFT
21 JAN 1924	CURTIS H16
08 JAN 1930	DOUGLAS MO-2B
17 JAN 1930	AVRO WRIGHT (TWO SEAT PATROL AVRO WRIGHT SEAPLANE)
20 JAN 1932	PITCAIRN MODEL PA-5
22 JAN 1932	DE HAVILLAND D.H. 60 GENET MOTH
15 JAN 1940	CANADIAN VICKERS VEDATTE MK. V
11 JAN 1941	CANADIAN VICKERS VEDETTE MK.IV
29 JAN 1941	CANADIAN VICKERS VEDETTE MK. VA
02 JAN 1945	STINSON MODEL HW-75 (RCAF 105)
20 JAN 1946	SUPERMARINE STRANRAER
06 JAN 1947	FLEET MODEL 7B FAWN MK. I
16 JAN 1947	AVRO 652A ANSON MK. VI
30 JAN 1950	SUPERMARINE TYPE 379 SPITFIRE MK. XIV
20 JAN 1956	NOORDUYN NORSEMAN MK. VI
05 JAN 1961	NORTH AMERICAN NA-108 MICHELL MK. III

## RCAF Overseas Headquarters Formed

With the arrival in England of R.C.A.F. squadrons, it became necessary to establish overseas for administrative and liaison purposes, a central Canadian air headquarters and personnel records office. During the previous twenty years (the period between the 1919 demobilization and the outbreak of the Second World War), contact between the R.C.A.F. and the Air Ministry had been maintained through an R.C.A.F. liaison officer stationed in London. On the formation of the R.C.A.F. Overseas Headquarters, effective January 1, 1940, Wing Commander F.V. Heakes, who had been serving as an R.C.A.F. Liaison Officer for some years, assumed temporary command with a small staff which were responsible for preliminary arrangements for the reception, accommodation, equipment and training of No. 110 'City of Toronto' (Army Co-operation) Squadron.

## No. 6 (RCAF) Group Ready To Bomb

The ink had barely dried after the signing of RAF Bomber Command Order of Detail No. 30, as the clock struck mid-night. At 00:01 hours on the 1st of January 1943, No 6 (RCAF) Group of RAF Bomber Command was declared operational. The new group an entirely Canadian organization, was commanded by Air Vice Marshall GE Brookes OBE. The fledgling No. 6 Group with headquarters at Allerton Park, Yorkshire England, was comprised of the following squadrons and aircraft:

SQN AIRCRAFT CODE	RCAF STATION	SQUADRON
NO. 427 'LION' VICKERS WELLINGTON B. MK. III	CROFT, YORKSHIRE	OW
NO. 426 'THUNDERBIRD' VICKERS WELLINGTON B. MK III	DISHFORTH, YORKSHIRE	ZL
NO. 425 'ALOUETTE' VICKERS WELLINGTON B. MK III	DISHFORTH, YORKSHIRE	KW
NO. 428 'GHOST' VICKERS WELLINGTON B. MK III	DALTON, YORKSHIRE	NA
NO. 419 'MOOSE' VICKERS WELLINGTON B. MK III	MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE, DURHAM	VR
NO. 420 'SNOWY OWL' VICKERS WELLINGTON B. MK III	MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE, DURHAM	PT
NO. 408 'GOOSE' HANDLEY PAGE HALIFAX B. MK. III*	LEEMING, YORKSHIRE	EQ

\* Joined No. 6 (RCAF) Group on 2 Jan 1943

No. 6 (RCAF) Group's first operational mission was flown by No. 427 'Lion' (B) Squadron on the night of January 3rd, when six Wellingtons laid mines off the Frisian Islands. The first bombing mission was on the night of the 13th of January when 14 Wellingtons were sent to bomb Lorient, France. Eleven bombed the primary target, 2 returned early due to technical difficulties, while one failed to return.

## Squadron Formations

29 January 1936  
No. 7 (General Purpose) Squadron at Rockcliffe, Ontario, with Fairchild 71 and Bellanca CH-300 Pacemaker Mk. 30/31 aircraft and under command of Squadron Leader E. G. Fullerton.

2 January 1942  
No. 14 (Fighter) at Rockcliffe, Ontario, with North American Harvard Mk. I's and under command of Squadron Leader B. D. Russel DFC 2.

10 January 1942  
No. 121 (K) Squadron re-formed at Dartmouth N.S. with Boeing 247D twin-engine transport, Grumman Goose amphibian, and Westland Lysander Mk. IITT target towing aircraft. The squadron's first commanding officer was Flight Lieutenant J. A. M. G. Gagnon. \* 'K' stands for Composite.

10 January 1942  
No. 122 'Flying Joe Boys' (K) Squadron at Patricia Bay B.C. with Blackburn Shark Mk. I and Mk. II's, Noorduyn Norseman Mk.IV's and Gummam Goose Mk. II aircraft. The squadron's first commanding officer was Squadron Leader G. G. Diamond.

23 January 1943  
No. 164 (T) Squadron at Moncton, New Brunswick with Lockheed Lodestar aircraft. This transport squadron was originally commanded by Wing Commander R. B. Middleton.

01 January, 1943  
No. 430 'City of Sudbury' (A.C.) Squadron was formed at Hartford Bridge, Hampshire, England with the Curtiss Tomahawk Mk. I & Mk. II (not operational) and North American Mustang Mk. I aircraft. Wing Commander E. H. G. Moncrieff A.F.C. assumed command the same day. \* 'A.C.' stands for Army Co-operation.

22 Jan 1945  
No. 665 (A.O.P.) Squadron formed at Andover, Hampshire England with Auster A.O.P. Mk. IV and Mk. V aircraft. The Air Observation Post squadron's first commanding officer was a Canadian Army Major by the name of D. R. Ely.

09 January 1944  
No. 22 (Fighter) Wing predecessor of today's 22 Wing was formed at Ayr, Scotland to administer and control No. 143 and No. 144 Airfields.

## Post War

On January 17th, 1946, Air Vice Marshall G.V. Walsh MBE, had his proposal of a maple leaf roundel approved.

On January through to February 8th, 1950 a No. 412 'Falcon' (T) Squadron Canadair North Star completed a round-the-world flight. The special mission carried The Right Honourable Lester B. Pearson to a Commonwealth Foreign Ministers conference in Ceylon (now known as Sri Lanka).

On the 16th of January, 1950 another North Star from the R.C.A.F. Station Uplands (Ottawa) Ontario-based No. 412 'Falcon' (T) Squadron, set a new Vancouver B.C. to Halifax N.S. speed record of 8 hours and 25 minutes.

January 13, 1960  
The first successful flight of the prototype Canadair CL-41 Tutor flown by distinguished test pilot Ian MacTavish, took place from the company's airfield at Cartierville Quebec.

January 1, 1962  
Regular trans-Atlantic scheduled service commenced from R.C.A.F. Station Trenton, Ontario to No. 1 (F) Wing, Marville, France by way of No. 437 'Husky' (T) Squadron's Canadair CC-106 Yukons.

January 2, 1962  
Air Defence Command's R.C.A.F. Station Bagotville, Quebec was home to No. 413 'Tusker' All-Weather (Fighter) Squadron. The squadron's call sign was 'Jumbo'. No. 413 AW (F) had the distinction of being the last of the N.O.R.A.D. squadrons to fly the venerable Avro CF-100 Canuck Mk. 5.

January 14, 1964  
The last Lockheed designed and Canadair-built CF-104 Starfighter was taken on strength with the Royal Canadian Air Force. The total number of these supersonic fighters acquired from Canadair were: 200 single-seat aircraft, 22 CF-104D Mk.I's and 16 CF-104D Mk.2's. The R.C.A.F. also took on strength one Lockheed-built F-104A Starfighter.

## 'Is that cost effectiveness?'

New Thinking - Continued from P 4

"And instead of getting a partial capability throughout the entire lifetime, the Air Force gets the full capability that is required. Is that cost-effectiveness? Absolutely. And that has been a winning argument. We have shown our (senior) leadership that this philosophy of spending now to create a much more cost-effective training process or Force Generation process will give us dividends in the long run."

According to Col Burt, the "new-think" of training and rehearsing synthetically extends beyond the Air Force and has the potential to revolutionize the concept of joint training, involving the Navy and Army as well.

"We've often thought about a submarine hiding and an Aurora chasing as being Joint Training. Well, that's just not true. Joint Training is (when) you put the submarine, the surface ship, the maritime helicopter, the long-range patrol aircraft, the fighter aircraft and all of the Command and Control agencies together with the radar systems that are required on one side, and a similar adversarial team on the other side."

It may sound fanciful to create a synthetic environment where Canada's Air Force, Navy and Army can train together and save money in the bargain. Col Burt says not doing so would put the CF at risk.

"This vision is quite achievable because of the technology that's out there. If we stay with the status quo we will not have what we have now in the future. And I believe the survival of certain fighting components of the Canadian Forces depends on this."

## Join in on the fun

Goldeyes - 17 Wing Scuba Club

Scuba Diving is an exciting underwater adventure and too many a way of life. Thousands of people are discovering the sheer enjoyment the undersea world has to offer. For many people, the fascination and freedom of weightless diving may be the key to a rewarding and healthy new lifestyle.

While it's important to feel comfortable in the water, to be in good health and to know how to swim, it's not necessary to be a "super jock" to enjoy diving. Today, even physically handicapped people are learning to dive. Modern fins allow divers to propel themselves under water with a minimum of energy. Ironically, though, the divers who see the most interesting things under water spend the most time at one place and the least amount of time swimming.

As an outdoor activity, diving is becoming consistently safer, due to vastly improved equipment, contemporary teaching methods and the development of dedicated resorts and diving vessels that diligently follow established standards.

Divers have unique camaraderie; when they see something unusual or exciting, it tends to be a shared experience. Dive clubs, families, and groups of friends travel together, stay at resorts, charter boats and party together. Also when one member of the family learns to dive, the rest often follow suit.

Divers go everywhere. They dive under ice and in rivers, lakes and quarries. Tropical seas are wonderful, but cold-water divers from all over the Northern and Southern Hemisphere claim that they have the most exciting diving in the world. Warm water or cold, fresh water or ocean, domestic or foreign; every location features its own attractions.

Join in the fun, turn on to diving!

MWO Wayne Harris, President

## Substance Abuse?

To supervisors: Do you know the signs of substance abuse? How do you recognize and deal with suspected problem drinkers? Some signs might include: unexplained absences on Monday mornings and Friday afternoons, long lunches, increasingly appearing hung-over, shaky, alcohol on breath (often disguised with mints, etc.), military appearance deteriorating, DWI or license suspensions, uncharacteristic behaviour i.e. angry over insignificant issues, and many more.

### How to confront the problem

CFAO 19-31, Misuse of Alcohol details the policy and action taken. However, the Wing Addictions Counsellor is only a phone call away for information or advice. If you have vague suspicions but are unsure on how to proceed - give me a call. For anyone concerned about his/her drinking, ask yourself a few simple questions:

- Have you ever attempted to cut down on your drinking? Successful/Unsuccessful?
  - Do you become annoyed when people mention your drinking?
  - Do you feel guilty about your drinking (or your behaviour)?
  - Do you ever need or have an "eye opener" to start your day or get rid of a hangover?
- Any yes answers? Give me a call - confidentiality respected. Alcohol Abuse effects every aspect of your life and can kill you.

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## Next Deadline

Next deadline for submission is Friday, 22 February 02.

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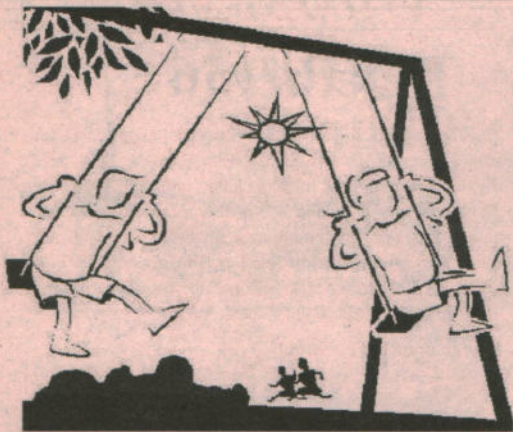
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# Military Family Resource Centre (204 489 7003)



## Childcare Resources

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

- All Licensed Childcare Centers and family home daycares Wpg
- Community Childcare Providers
- MFRC Casual Childcare schedule
- The MFRC Childcare Centre!
- Long term childcare services
- Extended Hour Childcare resources
- 24hr Childcare and Health support services
- The Teen babysitters list

## Emergency Childcare Service

The ECS provides immediate, affordable, regulated childcare in times of emergency.

- Designed to be your "BACK-UP!"
- The emergency may be the result of an unexpected/short notice duty/deployment/op. or training, where the member does not have sufficient time to implement his/her family care plan.
- During a deployment, families may experience a childcare emergency for a variety of reasons; medical, compassionate etc.,. By having one parent out of the area it increases the likely hood of some event that might disrupt the usual childcare arrangement and requires immediate alternative arrangements.
- An "emergency" is NOT....  
"Recurring events for which a plan should be developed" i.e. Mildly ill children, school in-services and in the case of deployments, misc. Duties, base exercises, or training for which advance warning in excess of 7 days has been given."
- The MFRC compiles and maintains listings of a large variety of childcare resources to help your family plan for just such events. These listings can facilitate the location of childcare providers for all occasions: casual evening, before & after school, emergency, overnight and extended hours.
- But even the best-laid plans sometimes fall apart...and your presence at work is critical, that's where the ECS becomes your "back-up". The ECS can provide subsidised childcare services to assist in the first 72hrs while you seek out an alternate childcare arrangement.
- For childcare emergencies as described above, funding has been made available to fully cover reasonable cost incurred during the first 72hrs and pro-rated partial billing up to a (max) 7 days.
- ECS Childcare providers are selected by the ECS, to ensure compliance with provincial Childcare regulations, appropriate credentials (i.e. .CCW, CPR and First Aid), and, police/child abuse registry screenings
- Call the ECS Coordinator for more information Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30 @ 489-7003
- For Childcare emergencies outside regular working hours. call 935-7733.
- Every effort will be made to identify childcare within an hour!

## Did You Know?

The CFB Winnipeg Family Support Centre (now the Military Family Resource Centre) was established in September 1989, with two married quarters (one on the North site and one on the South site) designated as FSC program facilities. The staff consisted of one half-time director, who offered a drop-in program, children's crafts, a referral service, a resource centre and a babysitter referral service. Over the next few months more programs for children and newcomers were added.

Between January and March 1991 the FSC received Public Funds to hire four temporary full-time staff to offer expanded programs and services in response to the Gulf War. Pre-teen programs and the Thrift shop began operations in March 1991. The first Board of Directors was elected in June 1991, and the Constitution and the By-laws were developed shortly thereafter.

In September 1991 the FSC came under the auspices of the Directorate of Military Family Support in Ottawa. DMFS funding was provided for four full-time staff positions. The children's programs moved to a new location at 34 Bourkewood Place. In December 1991, an additional part-time position was created to develop a home-based child care program in the military community.

During 1992 the FSC continued to expand its programs and services. More programs for children and pre-teen were offered. A bi-weekly food bank began operation in January. Adult programming expanded to include first aid, CPR, parenting classes, self-esteem workshops, and pre-natal classes. Three new staff positions were added in August and September. In the fall of 1992 several advisory committees to the Board were formed to facilitate community input into the

FSC's programs. The FSC's Administrative Centre relocated to Building C1 on the south site in October 1992.

The FSC facility located in Lipsett Hall underwent extensive renovations between January and March 1993. The nursery school and some adult programs began operating out of the new space in April 1993.

At the Annual General Meeting in May 1993 it was decided to change the name of the Family Support Center to the Winnipeg Military Family Resource Centre. Two additional staff positions were added in late 1993. In February 1994, the administrative Centre of the MFRC moved to 350 Doncaster Street in the heart of the south site PMQ area. A new North site location in the Multi-Use Facility (now Westwin Community Centre) was opened in April 1995. The Multi-Use Facility also houses a library, a Wood Hobby Club, a Ceramic Club, Recreation Director's offices as well as a variety of conference and meeting rooms. On July 18th 1997, the new 17 Wing Youth Centre opened in building P14 on Doncaster Street. 1998 saw the introduction of a new Special Needs program and in February 1999 three new services; Emergency Childcare, Employment Assistance, and Reservist Support were offered to Military Families. 1999 also brought a much-needed Day Care centre to the 17 Wing community. The MFRC continues to offer a wide range of programs and services to the military community and we are still growing!!!

**What's all the construction at the row of townhouses facing the CFB Winnipeg gate on Whytefold all about?**

We are moving! This coming spring! Yes, that's what all the construction is about!

But... we will still have a presence on the southside.

Watch for more "did you know" facts about the Winnipeg MFRC and the Military Family Support Program in additional issues.



## MFRC Craft Classes

### PAPER CASTING

Wednesday 27 February 2002 6:30 - 9:00pm  
North side chapel annex

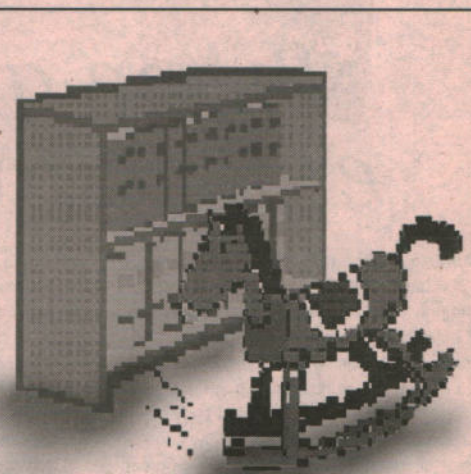
Paper castings can be made using ready made moulds as well as several different found items. We will be using paper pulp to make casting moulds which we will have created ourselves with hot glue. These castings can then be used on cards, as ornaments or as decorations on larger projects either embellished with paint or left their natural colour. Supplies provided.

### BASIC HANDMADE PAPER

Wednesday 6 March 2002 6:30 - 9:00pm  
North side chapel annex

The beauty of handmade paper can be yours! You will learn to transform recyclable paper and common household goods into one of a kind sheets of paper at home - and it is easy! You will take home all the sheets of paper you make in class. Classes are \$15.00 each.

To register for MFRC Quality of Life Program classes, please drop by the MFRC at 350 Doncaster Street or mail us your payment. Registration can not be taken over the phone and is limited to 10 participants per class. Classes fill quickly so register today.



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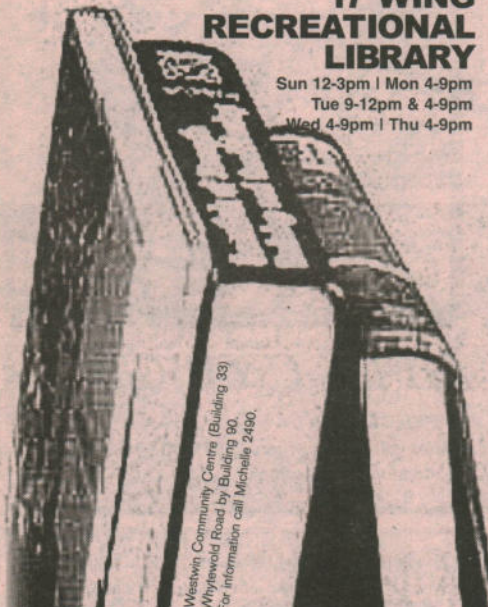
Toy Lending  
Hours: Fri 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Membership Fee: \$10.00/family/year

For membership and/or lending information you may contact the MFRC Fridays 10:00 am - 1:00 pm @ 489-7003

# What's Happening

## 17 WING RECREATIONAL LIBRARY

Sun 12-3pm | Mon 4-9pm  
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## COMMUNITY RECREATION

**Self-Defence Workshop**  
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**Saturday, March 23**  
**1300-1600**  
**Building 21**  
To register for free, call Recreation Services at local 5976 or 2059

**Tae Bo**  
Challenge yourself with this dynamic cardio/strength class. An excellent workout for beginners and enthusiasts.  
**Monday/Wednesday/Friday**  
**1200-1300**  
**Building 90**

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**Wednesday/Friday Tuesday/Thursday**  
**0930-1030 1800-1900**  
**Lipsett Hall Building 90**

**Spring Break 2002**  
Join community Recreation and Youth Services for fun and excitement March 23-28. Check out the schedule and register at the MFRC.  
**March 23** Ceramics (register at the library)  
Self-Defence Workshop at Building 21  
**March 24** Moose Hockey Game  
**March 27** Darkzone  
**March 28** Fun With Fitness

**New**  
Now get up-to-date Community Recreation News at Home! Log on to <http://17wingcommunity.tripod.com>. We will bring you news on programming, library, computer lab and everything else we can think of.  
  
Thank you to everyone who has completed a Community Needs Survey. We appreciate your comments and will do our best to provide you with superior service. Forms are still available on the DIN, or can be picked up at the recreation office, library or gym facilities.



## Together in Church

LENTEN AND EASTER SERVICES  
ROMAN CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT

Throughout this holy season services will be held in the Wing Community Chapel, 2235 Silver Avenue (Bldg 94, off Whytewold), as follows:

**Roman Catholic**

In English

Saturdays	16, 23 Feb; 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Mar 02	1630 hrs
Sundays	17, 24 Feb; 3, 10, 17 Mar 02	1130 hrs
Mondays	18, 25 Feb; 4, 11, 18, 25 Mar 02	1900 hrs
Wednesdays	20, 27 Feb; 6, 13, 20, 27 Mar 02	1900 hrs
Fridays	15, 22 Feb; 1, 8, 15, 22 Mar 02	1900 hrs
Ash Wednesday	13 Feb 02	1900 hrs
Palm Sunday	24 Mar 02	1130 hrs
Holy Thursday	28 Mar 02	1930 hrs
Good Friday	29 Mar 02 (Meatless Soup) (Divine Worship)	1600 hrs 1900 hrs
Easter Vigil	30 Mar 02 (Saturday)	1930 hrs
Easter Sunday	31 Mar 02	1130 hrs

In French

Sundays	17, 24 Feb; 3, 10, 17 Mar 02	1600 hrs
Palm Sunday	24 Mar 02	1600 hrs
Easter Sunday	31 Mar 02	1600 hrs

**Protestant**

Sundays	17, 24 Feb; 3, 10, 17 Mar 02	0930 hrs
Palm Sunday	24 Mar 02	0930 hrs
Easter Sunday	31 Mar 02 (Divine Worship) (Pancake Breakfast) (Holy Eucharist)	0700 hrs 0800 hrs 0900 hrs

**Ecumenical**

Ash Wednesday	13 Feb 02	1200 hrs
Good Friday	29 Mar 02	1500 hrs

# 'hope and enthusiasm'

**Air Force, continued from P 8**

"I would liken it to what the Navy went through 10 or 15 years ago when they retired a number of their older ships and took on their new frigates. They went through a period there when so much was changing that consciously they went through a fairly quiet period operationally. Unfortunately, I don't think circumstances will allow the Air Force to enjoy as reduced an operational tempo, as I would like during this period of regeneration. So trying to do the regeneration at the same time as the operational tempo appears to be quite high is going to be a big challenge."

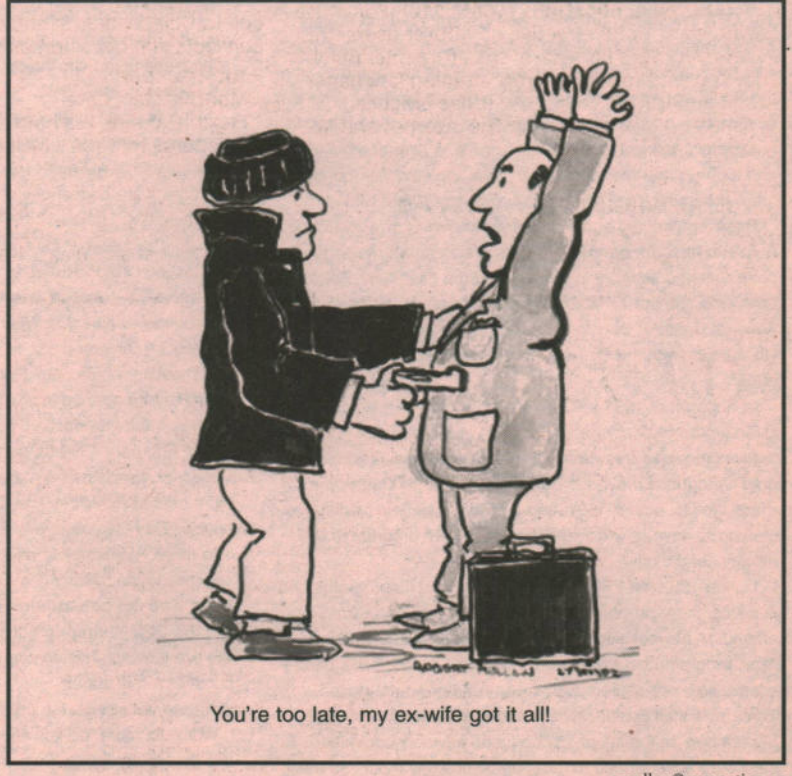
Yet it's a challenge the Commander welcomes. He says that when all the upgrades and replacements are complete, to everything from CF-18 weaponry, to the new Maritime Helicopter and the new Electro Optical Reconnaissance Surveillance and Target Acquisition System for the CH-146 Griffon, for example, the results will showcase the finest Air Force capability yet.

"Virtually every community is going to see significant change over the next number of years and all of it I think for the good. It's a tremendously exciting period and not just for those who fly the aircraft but for our support community as well."

And although there will be challenges ahead to achieving sustainability and serviceability during this time of regeneration, MGen Lucas is optimistic about the opportunities that lie ahead.

"I would like to send out a message of hope and enthusiasm. I certainly think that the last number of months and, certainly for the foreseeable future, the members of the Air Force are going to have an opportunity to demonstrate their relevance to the Canadian population. Certainly I think there are going to be tremendous opportunities here for us to demonstrate our capability, our readiness, and our enthusiasm to the Canadian public."

**ROBERT MULLAN**



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## Closure Friday, 8 March 2002

17 Wing Medical Clinic will be closed at 1100 hrs. The Medical clinic staff will be participating in the Wing Administration Branch Curling Funspiel.

For non-life threatening injuries please proceed to the nearest Walk-In Clinic or Misericordia Urgent Care.

For life-threatening emergencies please call 9-911 and give the dispatcher your location and explain the problem.

The Medical Clinic will resume regular hours Monday, 11 March 2002.

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**Taurus** (April 20 - May 20): Deal with your fears or you'll never develop anything past the idea phase. Overcoming personal challenges makes the victory sweeter. Committing time to relaxation does not mean you're being lazy.

**GEMINI** (May 21 - June 21): You have a good idea that needs a diverse team to make it happen. Assist others to appreciate differences. Allowing for individuality and uniqueness enhances relationships, assists in communication and increases productivity.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 22): Use discernment when hearing opposing views and news, you can learn more about the speaker than the subject. Changes in information passed around, surprises even you, and it sheds light on past events. A pressure situation eases.

**LEO** (July 23 - August 22): Nurture yourself, do some reflecting to find the beauty the mirror misses. You release self-imposed limitations and enter a phase of self-acceptance. Set your sights higher, maintain enthusiasm. You are an inspiration to others.

**VIRGO** (August 23 - September 22): Clear your calendar to allow more time for yourself. Consider continuing your education. Get your thoughts in order before formalizing future plans. Doing something for the wrong reasons is very unsatisfying.

**LIBRA** (September 23 - October 23): Take the first step in working towards achieving your next goal and things will fall into place. Your love is returned by one who appreciates, admires and supports you. Surround yourself with colors that excite.

**SCORPIO** (October 24 - November 21): Conclusions and consequences have you reviewing who and what you've been caught up in. Did you spread yourself too thin? Assess what you should give up. Distance yourself from martyrs and victims.

**SAGITARIUS** (November 22 - December 21): Creating beautiful changes. Feeling refreshed. You are more comfortable now due to a better balance between your conscious and unconscious desires in relation to work and play. Debate and discussion stimulates further ideas.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 - January 19): Though you're feeling driven to complete meaningful work or realize your potential, schedule leisure time. Be patient, gauge your progress, make necessary adjustments, rest then resume your journey to the top.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 - February 18): Accept graciously when a debt is repaid but remain alert to the possibility that others may try to take advantage of you. A gift you receive may have strings attached. Breaking an old habit or pattern is healthy for you.

**PISCES** (February 19 - March 20): Believe in yourself to overcome fears and insecurities that lead to worry. Don't get sidetracked by endless obligations. Review past deeds, needs and the actions of others, to find out who and how you have been undermined.

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