

## AIR COMMAND BAND ON TOUR



By Sgt Sherree Vickers

Captain Scott Attridge and the members of the Air Command Band have been extremely busy lately with tours and local school concerts. This thirty-five piece professional military ensemble breaks down into many different groups, including an elementary school ensemble called "The Hornets," Dance bands, Chamber groups and Parade/Marching bands. They are

extremely versatile and anyone that has seen this fine group of musicians in action can attest to this. Whether the band is musically supporting a CFANS graduating parade in Bldg 21 or performing a series of concerts at a variety of local and out-of-town schools, the professionalism of the Air Command Band is always very apparent.

The Band toured Thompson, MB from Feb 11 - 15. The stage was set in the Letkemann Theatre in the high school and remained there for the week. Many concerts were performed during that week, including elementary and high school shows, as well as a public performance with all proceeds being donated to the high school band. The next tour brought the Air Command Band to Thunder Bay, ON from Feb 26 - Mar 3. Again, a number of school concerts were performed during the week. The "Rhythm and Blue" Big Band entertained at RCMP Tri-Service Ball which was a fundraiser for Crime Stoppers as well. A tour to Regina, SK is planned for Apr 22 - 26.

Upcoming public performances for the Air Command Band are scheduled in Portage la Prairie (Glesby Centre) on April 10 at 7 pm as well as at the Assiniboine Park Conservatory with the Woodwind Quintet on May 5 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets for the Portage concert can be arranged by calling (204) 239-5591. Looking ahead, don't miss the full concert band performing at The Lyric in Assiniboine Park on Canada Day!

## Books and Coffee for Canadian Troops

By Karen Poetker

It seems that all you need to create a home away from home are books to read and some Tim Horton's coffee. And if you are stationed with the Canadian Forces (CF) in Afghanistan, this is exactly what you're getting.

A program entitled "Operation R & R," initiated by Heather Fedorchuk, was implemented with the goal of sending donated reading material to those CF soldiers stationed in Afghanistan. Fedorchuk's husband, Sgt Stephen Fedorchuk, is abroad with the Tactical Airlift Detachment.

After hearing that her husband was running out of reading material, she decided to approach a local bookstore to ask for donations. Chapters Polo Festival jumped at the opportunity to help send books to the troops, setting up signs asking customers to purchase a book for donation. In return, each customer received a \$5 coupon to spend in the store.

What started out as a small idea, however, has turned into a huge event.

"It's becoming quite a large program," stated Fedorchuk. "There have been about 300-400 books donated so far. The first shipment of books has left Winnipeg, but I'm not entirely sure when they will be received in Afghanistan," said Fedorchuk.

While the program has officially ended at Chapters Polo Festival, Fedorchuk explained that the owner of Chapters/Indigo books, Heather Reisman, is interested in running the program across Canada to provide continued support to Canadian troops.

At the same time in another area of Winnipeg, Daniella Block, whose husband Master Corporeal Juergen Hannappel is also serving in Afghanistan, discovered that her husband not only missed home, but specifically his Tim Horton's coffee.

While talking to his wife on the phone, he admitted that he wished he had some Tim Horton's coffee. Purchasing three cans of Tim Horton's coffee to send to her husband, Block was struck with the idea that if her husband wanted coffee, chances were, others missed it too.

"I contacted the Tim Horton's at 1609 Kenaston and asked for their help. They offered me a discounted rate on their coffee, so I started approaching friends, family and co-workers about donating a can of coffee," explained Block.

A Manitoba Moose game held on March 8th also added to Block's efforts, with the support from Tim Horton's head office in Calgary, which sent over 6 cases of coffee to be used for general distribution to CF troops.

Dubbing it Operation Caffeine Bust, she ended up with 84 pounds of coffee and contacted Capt Mike Rozak to ask for assistance in transporting the coffee to the troops. Learning about Fedorchuk's book donation drive, the two women joined forces, meeting at Chapters Polo Festival for a news conference attended by A Channel.

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## "Something to remind them of home"

Continued from P1, "Books and Coffee for Canadian Troops"

However, after the CF troops in Afghanistan received some of the Tim Horton's coffee, they realized the difficulty of keeping the flies out of their coffee, an annoyance that called for stainless steel sealed coffee mugs.

"We have collected about 600 mugs to send overseas. Various corporations, including Tim Horton's, Bank of Nova Scotia, Agri-Core United, Can-West Global and the City of Winnipeg donated them. Over 400 of the mugs came from the military office in Ottawa," said Block.

The Province of Manitoba involved themselves in the donations by providing 50 flashlights for the troops. In addition, Tim Horton's contributed a Tim Horton's coffee sign for the troops to display on their turf in Afghanistan; something else to remind them of home.

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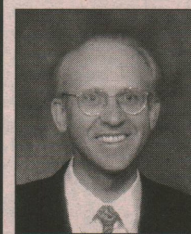
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**How can we achieve this?** In order to achieve an equitable workplace, special measures may be required, and differences accommodated.

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### DAAG Defence Aboriginal Awareness Group

The mission of 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**  
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**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



### DWAO Defence Women's Advisory Organization

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

**October 2002**  
Women's History Month in Canada

**18 October 2002**  
Persons Day

**6 December 2002**  
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**8 March 2003**  
International Women's Day

**3 - 9 March 2003**  
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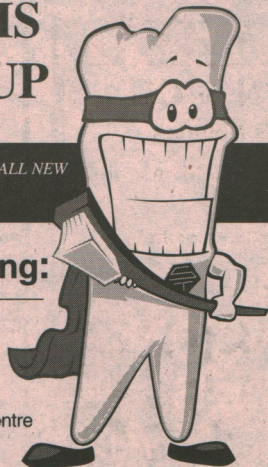


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By Maj DV Marleau, CFSAS OD Flight, DL BAOC DS

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Complementing the technical education of air force personnel are the courses delivered by the Officer Development Flight that include the Basic and Advanced Aerospace Operations Courses (BAOC and AAO). CFSAS OD Flight is also home to the course that will be the focus of this article, the Distance Learning Basic Aerospace Operations Course (DL

BAOC).

The Air Force has for a long time recognized that to be effective, all air force officers must have a broad knowledge of aerospace power and methodology in order to be able to plan, execute and sustain air operations. To aid in meeting this requirement CFSAS was mandated to develop and deliver aerospace operations courses designed to form the foundation for development of air force leaders equipped to direct employment of the full spectrum of air power-capabilities. The first step is the Basic Aerospace Operations Course, the aim of which is the introduction of the junior officer to the evolution and development of aerospace doctrine and its application to the planning and sustainment of aerospace operations.

In the early 90's senior Air Force leadership directed the implementation of the 'Total Force Concept', one of the tenets being that all reserve personnel shall be recruited, trained and employed at the same standard as regular force personnel. Thus, with the need to broaden the professional education of junior officers combined with the requirement to ensure reserve Air Force officers attain the same standards as their regular force peers, the Distance Learning BAOC was born.

Like the in-house BAOC, the DL BAOC discusses the evolution of Canadian Military Air Power and the doctrinal principles that emerged from historical experiences during war and peace. Focussed on providing junior officers with the fundamentals required to develop into experts at the tactical level of war, the course covers a broad range of topics including the principles of war, characteristics of air power, historical evolution of air power, air power doctrine, planning of air operations, command and control within the air force and the sustainment of air operations. There is also a strong emphasis within the course on ethics and the principles of leadership. Whereas these subjects are delivered through a combination of staff

and guest lecturers, written and oral assignments and short exercises over a five-week period during the in-house BAOC, the varying employment patterns of the air force reserve demanded a more innovative delivery method. This is primarily due to the fact that five weeks away on course is not an option for a large portion of the air reserve community.

When the Reserve BAOC project team formed in the fall of 1999, it was agreed the current BAOC met all the standards of a reserve course and that the emphasis would be placed on finding a means of delivering it to the reserve community. After an examination of distance learning methodologies and the delivery resources available, the team chose a combination of CD-ROM based lectures, written study guides and reading material and an internet based secure e-mail/newsgroup/chat hosting program to facilitate student/student and student/instructor communications. A short eight consecutive day in-house portion would complement these core distance-learning techniques, during which special guest lecturers would address the students, planning exercises would be conducted, and presentation and leadership objectives would be evaluated. The Reserve BAOC project team, now consisting of two air reserve majors and a sergeant clerk, spent most of the next two years converting the in-house BAOC course material to the chosen distance learning format. It was during this development process that the name of the course was changed to the Distance Learning BAOC in recognition of the fact that course slots not used by air reserve officers would be made available to regular force officers.

*Continued on P 8, "Why weren't we taught this in high School?"*



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# 'Why weren't we taught this in high school?'

Continued from P7, "CFSAS Distance Learning Basic Aerospace Operations Course" On 1 Nov 2001, the pilot DL BAOC commenced with two 11-student syndicates ranked 2Lt-Capt. The distance learning course is intended to run from 1 Nov 01 to 28 May 02 with the in house portion running from 3-10 Jul 02. The DL course is broken down into a series of 10 topic specific modules, each consisting of a series of readings; anywhere from one to four CD-ROM based lessons of approximately 1 hour duration each; a short written response to a series of topic related questions; and, a 1-hour on line chat to discuss the topic. Additionally over the duration of the course, each student is required to prepare one research paper, one personal 10-minute presentation and assist their syndicate in researching and preparing a 40-minute group presentation. The research paper is due by end-May and the presentations will be made during the in-house portion of the course. At first glance this may appear to be a significant workload, however, it exactly mirrors the in-house course at a ratio of one week of the DL course equalling one day of the in-house course.

By mid-February 2002, we have just passed the mid-point of the course, completed the mid-course student interviews and for the most part are quite pleased with the results achieved to date. Attrition rates as high as 75% often quoted in the educational literature for pilot DL courses have not materialized. We have had very positive feedback from the students on what they are gaining from the course with respect to understanding the history of air power, air doctrine and the development of the Canadian Air Force. One student who has never been a history buff was even quoted as saying, "I never realized Canadian military history was so interesting.

Why weren't we taught this in high school?" We have also realized that there is still room for improvement.

During the conduct of the course we have made every effort to adapt delivery methods to the students who are taking the course. We have switched the periodic on-line chats to one session during the day, for those available during working hours, and an additional session in the evening. We have adjusted dates for assignments taking into account the student deployment schedules. Student technical or academic questions are normally addressed within 24 hours through the use of the news group, e-mail or telephone. Our next step will be the re-evaluation of the study material, as the number one comment by students was on the extensive readings required for the lessons. New methodologies for the delivery of the material will be examined and readings will be reviewed for any extraneous material. Another major improvement area will be course awareness.

A large portion of the Air Force is unaware of the existence of the DL BAOC or the advantages it offers to units and their personnel. This article and the presentations we at CFSAS hope to be making to Air Reserve conferences, Commanding Officers' conferences, and the annual I CAD Commanders Combined Training Sessions will assist in raising the awareness of the DL BAOC within the Air Force. This awareness of the requirements of the DL BAOC amongst Air Force leadership is essential to the students taking the course. Students may at times require some flexible scheduling of unit activities to work on this career course or some minor level of technical support from the unit or wing computer support department. The level of support provided by the unit directly impacts on the

results achieved by the student on the course. It is therefore contingent on us at CFSAS to not only ensure the entire Air Force is aware of the DL BAOC but that they are aware of the support requirements of the students. I for one firmly believe that as the quality and value of the DL BAOC becomes better known there will be more and more demand for the course.

Beyond the immediate improvements to the DL BAOC, what does the future have in store for us? The next major change will be implementation of the Officer Development Period 2 (or DP2) syllabus to replace the BAOC. While it currently appears the DP2 syllabus will contain most of what is now in the BAOC, it looks like the curriculum will be considerably expanded to contain a broader scope of subjects with a commensurate adjustment in its duration. How this will affect the DL BAOC is yet to be seen, but it will no doubt mean some changes are in store for us here at CFSAS, as well for the Air Reserve community.

From what I have presented here, I now hope you have a better understanding of what we in the DL BAOC shop are doing and hoping to accomplish. You have no doubt come to the conclusion that the Distance Learning Basic Aerospace Operations Course is a work in progress. Nonetheless, initial indications are that the course is meeting the objectives set for it and as a result the air force is getting better prepared reserve Air Force officers. As well, development and delivery of the Distance Learning Basic Aerospace Operations Course is just one more way that CFSAS is meeting its vision of being the "recognized centre of expertise in the Air Force for the development and dissemination of Canadian military aerospace knowledge."



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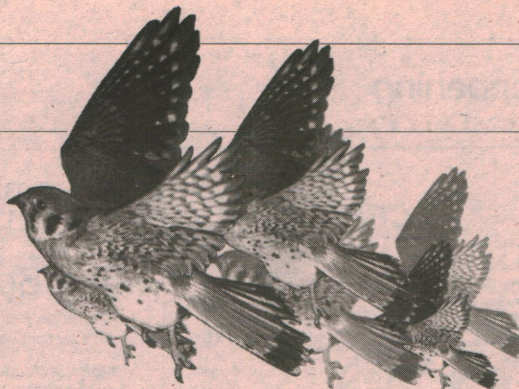


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#### 17 Wing Deployments

Family Information Evening 1 Hosted by the MFRC  
10 April 2002, 6:30 pm, WO's & Sgt's Mess (North Side Base)

The focus of the evening will be on Family Support. You will gain knowledge on the MFRC's programs and services; information on how to safe guard your family and your home; very important information on the Mission Information Line; need to know information on things like gaining power of attorney; and the effects of deployments on families.

Childcare will be provided free of charge at the MFRC Childcare Centre on Whytewold Ave. (you must pre-register)

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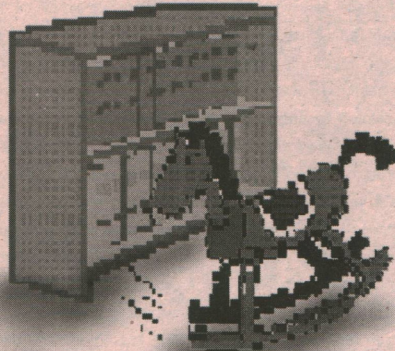
For more information you may call the MFRC @ 489-7003 or check with the members unit.

The Winnipeg Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC) is a part of your community. Our goal is to provide services to families of military members of all ages. Our MFRC is one of 44 Centres forming the Military Family Services Program (MFSP). The aim of the MFSP is to promote health and well-being, provide needed information and referral, assist in the prevention of individual, family and community breakdown, buffer lifestyle stresses, enhance coping skills, and aid individuals and families in distress.

During these stressful times, we want all CF families and the general public to know that we offer a wide range of Deployment Support Services in partnership with the CF and the National Mission Information Line (1-800-866-4546). For further information on our services, please contact us at 489-7003.

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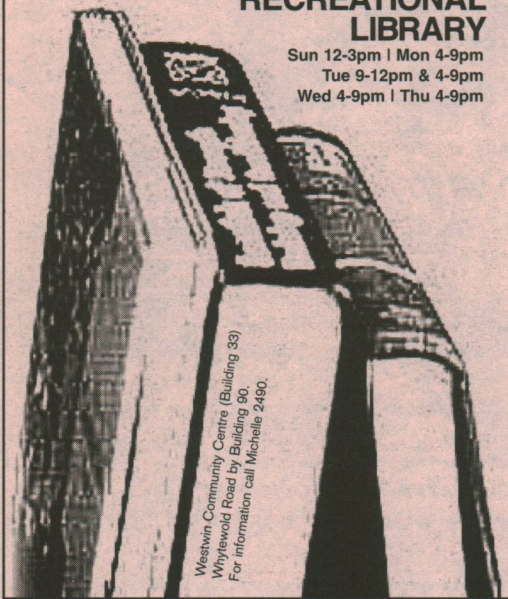
#### Thank You Community Members

Throughout the past couple months, MFRC Volunteers have been conducting a Telephone Survey within our community on the MFRC's programs and services. The participation of our community was essential in the success of the Telephone Survey. The Telephone Survey allows the MFRC to evaluate the programs and services we offer and incorporate the needs of the community in all areas of programming. Most importantly, you get to have a say in what is offered to you and your families. While we know how we all hate completing telephone surveys, the community participation was very positive. Thank you to all who completed a survey.

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## The Woman in the Wall

Review by Rose Evans

For me, *The Woman in the Wall* is a darkly disturbing, yet also surprisingly tender and amusing story about the coming of age, and the coming into oneself, that is easy to read, and easy to empathize with.

Anna is the master of blending in, she is so small and unassuming that she is constantly overlooked by her family, and she is so shy and introverted that she is happy to be overlooked. A very intelligent, and very adept child, she single handedly keeps their rambling old Victorian home from disrepair, working on the house at all hours of the night and day. She is perfectly content to be left to her own devices and to "blend into the woodwork" until she turns 7 and her mother announces that she must attend school.

Driven by an almost incapacitating fear of leaving behind the walls of the home that has cocooned her all her life, Anna develops a plan to truly disappear. Then, under the guise of the usual home repairs, she builds a secret room of her own and a network of secret hallways and hidden doors all over the house. She then retreats into her hidden recesses, coming out only when the family is asleep. It takes so long for the family to realize she is not there, that they are not completely sure she ever really existed at all.

Anna lives behind the walls for 7 years, growing to young womanhood without guidance, without reassurance of the normality of the changes taking place within her, then, an anonymous note in the crack of a wall changes everything, and her true journey into womanhood, into life itself, begins.

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## Where to get help for family members

By Kenn Garrity

Many of the calls I receive come from members asking about assistance for their family, mostly spouses. Most of these calls include a question on financial assistance. Unfortunately, this is not one of the benefits provided by the CFCCN. In fact, for part-time students, there is not a lot of assistance available.

Reimbursement is generally tied to employment, so if the spouse is working, the employer may provide some assistance to those who take courses related to their work. These funds are often not widely advertised, so it takes a bit of checking to see what might be possible. The military policy, found in DAOD 5031-3, does not extend benefits to the family of the serving member. There are CIF-PAF loans that the member can apply for that can be used for educational purposes within the family, and while these are at beneficial interest rates, the money does have to be repaid. For further information about this possibility, call Mr. Anderson at 833-2500 ext 5644.

Legion Branches often set aside some money for bursaries and scholarships, so it is worth checking there to see if you qualify. Each Branch has its own resources and requirements, but there are definitely qualification rules. Also, colleges have awards that can provide some assistance, although most of these are for full-time students, and most of those are achievement awards that you win through proven performance. One restriction on most of these awards is that if you are taking correspondence or other distance education courses, you probably do not qualify.

Many times right after a posting, the spouse is eligible for EI assistance. If you are receiving EI and have an interest in a specific training program, you should check with your caseworker. If they consider that it will likely lead to employment, you may be eligible for sponsorship. Each case is different, but there are lots of precedents. Ask around and see if you cannot find someone who has been able to receive this kind of support and find out what they had to do to qualify.

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One further item about the provincial plans is that you usually have to apply to the province in which you paid your provincial taxes the previous year. So if you just moved to Winnipeg from Ottawa, you may need to deal with the province of Ontario for the first year. These applications take many weeks to assess, so if you are planning to attend somewhere full-time in September, now is the time to apply for the student loan.

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**ARIES** (March 21 - April 19): Leave unequal alliances or situations. Learning who your friends are. Put aside uncertainties, once you get moving your energy increases. Betrayal of trust results when someone thinks it wouldn't hurt if you don't know about it.

**TAURUS** (April 20 - May 20): Stop sitting on the fence. Revealing your true feelings brings a surprise response. You're seeing yourself and others more realistically. Decide what you can afford financially and emotionally. The price of pretending is very high.

**GEMINI** (May 21 - June 21): Don't plan your future based on fantasies. Starting another course or project may not be the answer. Finish one thing before you begin another. Seek employment or life counselling for unbiased guidance. What worked for a friend won't work for you.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 22): Deal with money issues. Consult a person with an unbiased opinion. The increase in funds you were expecting is either less than you hoped or delayed in coming. Plan accordingly, list needs before wants.

**LEO** (July 23 - August 22): Organize paperwork that provides detailed instructions to co-workers sharing job responsibilities. Take "time outs" if necessary, even if it's just taking a few deep breaths. Better yet, take an extra long weekend. You've earned it.

**VIRGO** (August 23 - September 22): Struggles with time management continue. Needing to pay attention to your surroundings and yourself. You're surprised to see how much time has passed. Assist someone who needs your help. Participate in family activities.

**LIBRA** (September 23 - October 23): Don't limit yourself to how others see you. Be the best you can be. If you've put your dreams on hold to attend to responsibilities honor that decision. Find enjoyment in doing related work until you can pursue your primary interest full time.


**SCORPIO** (October 24 - November 21): An inspiring individual can show you how to transform your life. Expect radical changes, living fully with passion and purpose. What you own is not as important as the freedom to be who you are.

**SAGITARIUS** (November 22 - December 21): There will be a judgement in your favor. A relative appreciates you. What you saw as a lost opportunity was not meant to be. Realizing this, you can make more congruent decisions. Look beyond tomorrow.


**CAPRICORN** (December 22 - January 19): You know the value of patience but don't bother trying to convince anyone else. Meeting your inner needs is as important as monetary returns. By Spring you'll be ready to respond when opportunity knocks.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 - February 18): Constantly watching your words and hiding your real feelings makes someone else feel good but it's not constructive. A heart to heart is required. Things will get better once you stop participating in emotionally draining dramas.

**PISCES** (February 19 - March 20): Practice open and loving communication. Appreciate what you've got. Write ideas down to use later when you have more energy and cash. Make a few small changes in your home now and be prepared to consider a change of scenery.



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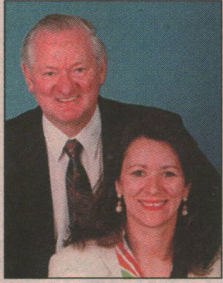
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