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A New Task Force, A New Spirit



Soldiers of the Second Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battle Group prepare to load their baggage for their road trip into the Canadian area of operations following initial arrival procedures in Velika Kladusa, Bosnia. The soldiers will spend the next six months maintaining a safe and secure environment in Bosnia on Operation Palladium.



Warrant Officer Pierre Nault (centre), chief clerk of the National Command Element of Task Force Bosnia-Herzegovina manages the Transfer of Command Authority between out-going commander Col Peter Atkinson (left) and the incoming commander, Col Greg Gillespie on Wednesday, April 2 at Camp Black Bear in Velika Kladusa, Bosnia.

by Captain Holly Apostoliuk,
Public Affairs Officer for Task Force
Bosnia-Herzegovina, Rotation 12

A new spirit is emerging in Task Force Bosnia-Herzegovina. By Rotation 12, it is routine for soldiers to rotate into Bosnia - the cycle of departure from loved ones, arrival in Velika Kladusa on an invariably hot day, the scramble for baggage, and the long bus ride into the Canadian Area of Operations is reassuringly familiar. Of the more than 40,000 soldiers who have rotated through the Balkans, many may expect that the mission here is the same as it was a few years ago, though perhaps a little less exciting, a little less exhilarating.

But there is a different spirit to this deployment, a new outlook, a new energy.

It could be that every new Task Force in theatre feels this way, as it looks about itself and chooses how it will leave its legacy in the crumbled hills of Northwest Bosnia.

It could be that the tireless spirit of adventure of the 320 Reserve Force soldiers has permeated throughout the Task Force - the same spirit that caused them to make the choice to leave their civilian lives to focus all their efforts on this mission.

It could be that there are so many soldiers throughout the Task Force who have been here before, that they exude remarkable confidence and comfort while going about their tasks.

But perhaps there is something more enduring, more permanent about this transformation, which comes from a sense of accomplishment, a sense that this mission is nearing its end. This attitude does not mean a lessening of activity, of focus, or of energy - if anything, it means more drive, more commitment and a clearer vision as to what is left to be done before our task is complete. It is for Rotation 12 and for those rotations that follow to ensure, that regardless of the form of future support to Bosnia-Herzegovina, that we have successfully created the conditions for a self-sustaining peace. It is to us to see that the work of the Canadian Forces and civilian employees over the last decade, and Canadian lives lost have not been in vain. It is the sense that we are playing our part in drawing Operation Palladium to its rightful close, which makes this mission feel different.

We are here. We have work to do. And when it is done we will go home, knowing that what we have done will make a difference to the people of Bosnia, and to ourselves.

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Soldiers of the National Support Element raise the 1 General Support Battalion flag over Camp Black Bear in Velika Kladusa, Bosnia on Wednesday, April 2. The parade formalized the transfer of command authority for the National Support Element from Lt-Col James Peverley, Commanding Officer of 1 Service Battalion of Edmonton to Lt-Col Tom Davis, Commanding Officer of 1 General Support Battalion.

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“Quit and Win” Program announces Winnipeg winner!

Submitted by C. Styles, Health Promotion Director, 17 Wing

Approximately 1800 DND/CF members participated in the “March 1st, I Quit!” national smoking cessation challenge in the month of March. At 17 Wing, 82 participants took on the challenge of quitting smoking, along with the help from their 2 registered supporters. As we heard from the personal stories shared by members in previous issues of the Voxair, quitting smoking is no easy task, and is one that requires persistence, willpower, and a sense of humor.

“Organized by the Strengthening the Forces Team of Force Health Protection (FHP) within the Canadian Forces Medical Group (CFMG), the national program proved to be even more successful than anyone could have anticipated”, said Nancy Snowball, national manager for Strengthening the Forces. “This initiative was a major success for the FHP team and will hopefully lead to permanent smoking cessation among the participants”, said Lieutenant-Colonel Jean-Robert Bernier, acting director of FHP. “The military chain of command also contributed significantly through its support and recognition of the importance of organizational

and cultural influences in motivating people to adopt healthy practices. Any program that supports defence team members in achieving and maintaining good health helps both the individual and the CF’s operational capability.”

“The co-operative effort of “March 1st, I Quit!” between CFP-SA and the FHP teams is an example of what can be achieved when teams come together with a common goal to improve quality of life for members of the DND/CF teams, their families and their communities,” said Greg Pearson, executive vice-president of the CFP-SA.

Corporal Tracey-Lynn Aves of 17 Wing is shown here, receiving her DVD player. Congratulations to Corporal Aves and all the participants from 17 Wing who took the smoking cessation challenge. All participants are winners, as they are one step closer to kicking the habit for good. Thank you to all of the supporters who assisted their colleagues, friends and family members in the challenge of smoking cessation, and to WO Al Miller, PO2 Mitch Cormier, and others who chose to share their personal stories of smoking cessation with the 17 Wing community. Your efforts in making the “March 1st, I Quit!” campaign a success are greatly ap-



Mac McMillan, Canex Regional Manager (Prairie), is shown here presenting the DVD player to 17 Wing winner Corporal Tracey-Lynn Aves. Also shown: Muriel Runge, Canex Manager, Winnipeg, Captain Al Bruce, Acting W Pers. Svcs O, and Carol Styles, 17 Wing HP Director.

preciated! The success of this program would not have been possible without the generous support and sponsorship of CANEX. CANEX has generously donated several prizes of cash, DVD players and digital cameras. CANEX is a division of the CFP-SA.

For a complete list of contest winners and prizes awarded, please see the Health Promotion bulletin board in bldg 90, or visit the CFP-SA website at: www.cfpsa.com/en/psp/health/quit/

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For ongoing assistance with smoking cessation, please talk to your primary care provider, visit the Health Promotion office in bldg 90, and stay tuned to the HP community web page for information on the roll-out of the revised Butt-Out smoking cessation program, anticipated in fall/winter 2003.

Annual Historical Conference to be held June 10 – 13



With the theme “Canadian Military Aviation: The First 100 Years,” the 9th Annual Air Force Historical Conference will be a reflective and informative event for any aviation enthusiast. The conference, held at 17 Wing, will feature “many topics that will be controversial and... extremely thought provoking,” a press release stated.

With a total of 12 expert speakers, including LGen Lloyd Campbell and Commander in Chief of

NORAD Gen Ralph Eberhart, the conference will comprehensively discuss a variety of topics related to Canadian Military History. Some presentations and workshops include “Early Cold War Anti-submarine Warfare in Canada,” “Accident Investigation: The Case of Liberator KN768,” and “Canadian Military Aircraft Marking 1947-2003.”

The conference will begin June 10 with a sponsored “Meet & Greet” reception and will conclude

June 13 with lunch. A steak BBQ and awards presentation featuring speaker LGen Campbell will be held the evening of June 11.

Guest accommodations will be available for \$30 a day at the 17 Wing Hotel on first come, first serve basis.

Conference passes are \$100 before May 30, \$125 after or at the door. Registration forms are available at the Office of Air Force Heritage & History. For more information, contact Capt Ben Bond at 6532.

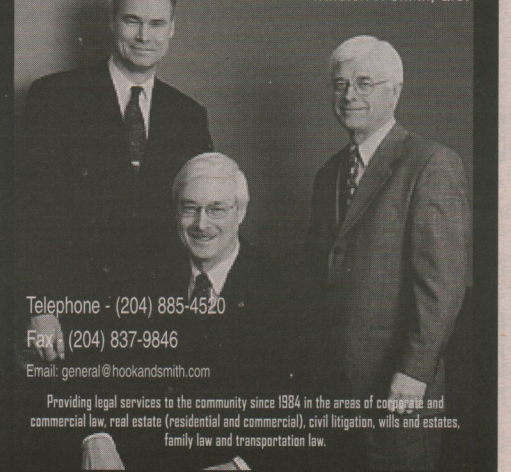


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Defence Minister John McCallum recently announced new accidental dismemberment coverage for CF members within the Service Income Security Insurance Plan (SISIP). The coverage came into effect February 13, 2003.

The new coverage provides for sliding-scale unreduced lump-sum payments for up to \$250,000 in case of accidental dismemberment,

attributable to military service, for all Regular and Primary Reserve CF members below the rank of colonel. General officers/colonels are currently covered for the same amount under the General Officers' Insurance Plan (GOIP), and Reserve Force GOIP.

"I'm very pleased to be able to say that, from now on, Canadian Forces members who put their lives and

health at risk on our behalf will be covered in the event of a debilitating injury," said Mr. McCallum. "This is by no means the end of our work. The Directorate of Quality of Life is engaged in reviewing a number of programs and services that we provide to our members."

General Ray Henault, Chief of the Defence Staff, also praised the new coverage "Our men and women in

uniform, and their families, deserve the peace of mind that this insurance provides," said Gen Henault. "While no amount of money can truly compensate for a serious injury, it's comforting to know that in the event of a devastating physical loss, a CF member can expect a lump-sum payment to help put their lives back on track."

Previously, members below the rank of colonel who lost

a limb were covered for dismemberment through the accidental dismemberment provisions of the SISIP Long Term Disability (LTD) coverage. The LTD coverage provided for a "top-up" to 75 percent of the member's monthly income at release after other pensions and benefits were administered. Coverage could last up to three years.

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ed across Canada, including: St. John's, Halifax, Greenwood, Gagetown, Bagotville, Valcartier, Montreal (Saint-Jean), Ottawa, Petawawa, Kingston, Trenton, Borden, Winnipeg, Shilo, Cold Lake, Edmonton, Esquimalt and Comox.

For details on the Accidental Dismemberment policy visit your local SISIP office or www.sisip.com or www.cfp-sa.com.

Schedule of Indemnities - Accidental Dismemberment Regular Force members & Reserve Force Class "C"

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Both hands	One foot
Both feet	\$62,500 of insurance for loss of:
Sight of both eyes	Thumb and index finger of same hand
One hand and one foot	Reserve Force Class "A" and Class "B"
One hand and sight of one eye	Amount of Insurance for Class "A" and
One foot and sight of one eye	short-term Class "B" members is
Loss of hearing	\$100,000
Loss of speech	Amount of Insurance for long-term
\$125,000 of insurance for loss of:	Class "B" members is \$250,000
Sight of one eye	

Schedule of Indemnities - Accidental Dismemberment Reserve Force Class "A" and Class "B"

Full amount of insurance for loss* of:	One-quarter of the full amount of insurance for the loss of:
Both hands	Thumb and index finger of the same hand
Both feet	
Sight of both eyes	* "Loss" shall mean total and irrecoverable.
One hand and one foot	* "Loss" as used above shall also mean loss of use.
One hand and sight of one eye	
One foot and sight of one eye	
Loss of hearing	
Loss of speech	
One half of the full amount of insurance for loss of:	NOTE: The total amount payable for all losses suffered by any one member and resulting from any one accident shall not exceed the full amount of the insurance.
Sight of one eye	
One hand	
One foot	

The America's Cup

By Alf Brooks

Originally it was "The Hundred Guinea Cup." In 1851, when it was first presented as a prize, a yacht from the USA, the America, won it in a race against a British opponent in a course around the Isle of Wight off England's south coast. Now the "America's Cup," it was kept in its new home, the New York Yacht Club, for 132 years, as yachts from the USA defeated all comers. Australia won it in 1983 and kept it until New Zealand won it in 1995, and defended it successfully in 2000. But

in 2003, with the final victory on March 1st, Switzerland took it back to Europe.

Team Alinghi was financed by Serono, a Swiss pharmaceutical firm. CEO Ernesto Betarelli, the navigator, hired the best, including skipper Russell Coutts of New Zealand; it is estimated that the cost of the venture was \$55 million US. Since the Cup must be contested on salt water, a number of European ports are approaching the Swiss for the honour.

On March 7th Swiss Post issued a stamp to commemorate the victory, picturing the Alinghi during a race.

May 2-4, Friday to Sunday, the Winnipeg Philatelic Society hosted its annual show at the Ramada Marlborough on Smith Street. There were exhibits of philatelic material and a number of stamp dealers who were pleased to tell you about collecting and, of course, sell you what they had; they also assessed any collections you might have and offer you a price. The most popular part of the show? The tables devoted to young collectors, where they can buy stamps for a penny each, pick up some philatelic items and advice and participate in a draw.



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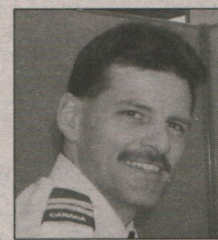


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Air Command Band Change of command



From left to right - Major WS Attridge, Colonel DC McLennan, Captain RLG Murray

ton into the capable hands of Captain Murray, who was welcomed with enthusiasm by members of the band.

This is actually Captain Murray's second time being posted to Winnipeg, the first time being as a Warrant Officer. After being accepted for officer training, he was given command of the Band of the Ceremonial Guard in Ottawa, proving his mettle on the lawns of Parliament hill.

Captain Murray looks forward to his time with the Air Command Band as an opportunity to make music and perform for the public.

The Air Command Band has a new Commanding Officer!

On 25 March 2003,

Major WS Attridge handed command of the Air Command Band over to Captain RLG Murray.

After conducting the band for the last time, Major Attridge said a fond farewell and passed the ba-

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Local resident undergoes Air Reserve trades training

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Air Reservist Pte Maria Rheaume listens to a lecture during her 10-week Basic Military Qualification course held at the Air Command Professional Development and Training Centre (ACPDTC), located at Canadian Forces Base Borden, Ont.

The Basic Military Qualification (BMQ) Course is a 10-week course at ACPDTC, Borden, Ont. that introduces new military members values and skills that will help them adapt and prosper in their new environment. During training, non-commissioned members (NCMs) learn the policies and regulations of the Canadian Forces; basic safety procedures; first aid training; survival under nuclear, biological and chemical conditions; drill, dress and deportment; weapon handling and firing; cross-country navigation; and survival under field conditions. They also undergo physical fitness training. The NCM is the backbone of the military as they are trained to do specific occupations in the Canadian Forces.

units with pride knowing they were able to master all the skills the military requires.

Unit Background

The Air Reserve Flight is also a personnel resource centre that provides trained Air Reserve personnel to fill integrated Air Force establishment positions to various units at 17 Wing. The Air Reserve also provides support to the Air Force in on-going peacetime tasks as well as deployed operations. In recent years, many air reservists have assisted in UN, NATO and domestic operations, by providing relief to regular force air and ground crews and support personnel. The Air Reserve also serves as a basis for national mobilization and acts as a military link to the community.

Candidates who successfully complete this recruit course return to their home

Submitted by Lieutenant Jennifer Faubert, Air Force Public Affairs Officer



Air Reservist Pte Johnny Boles from Winnipeg applies camouflage paint to his face during his 10-week Basic Military Qualification course held at the Air Command Professional Development and Training Centre (ACPDTC), located at Canadian Forces Base Borden, Ont. He is currently doing on-the-job training as a Mobile Support Equipment Operator (MSE OP) at 17 Wing Air Reserve Flight while he waits for his trade course. MSE OPs may specialize in the operation of mobile engineering equipment such as cranes, graders and loaders to lift and load materials or maintain roads and runways.

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Correction to "Local resident undergoes Air Reserves trades training" last issue, Voxair 9. Pte Matthew Sas recently completed AVN Technician training, not AVS Technician training as indicated in the article. An AVN Technician is a member of the air maintenance team that handles, services and maintains Canadian Forces aircraft, ground equipment and associated support facilities.

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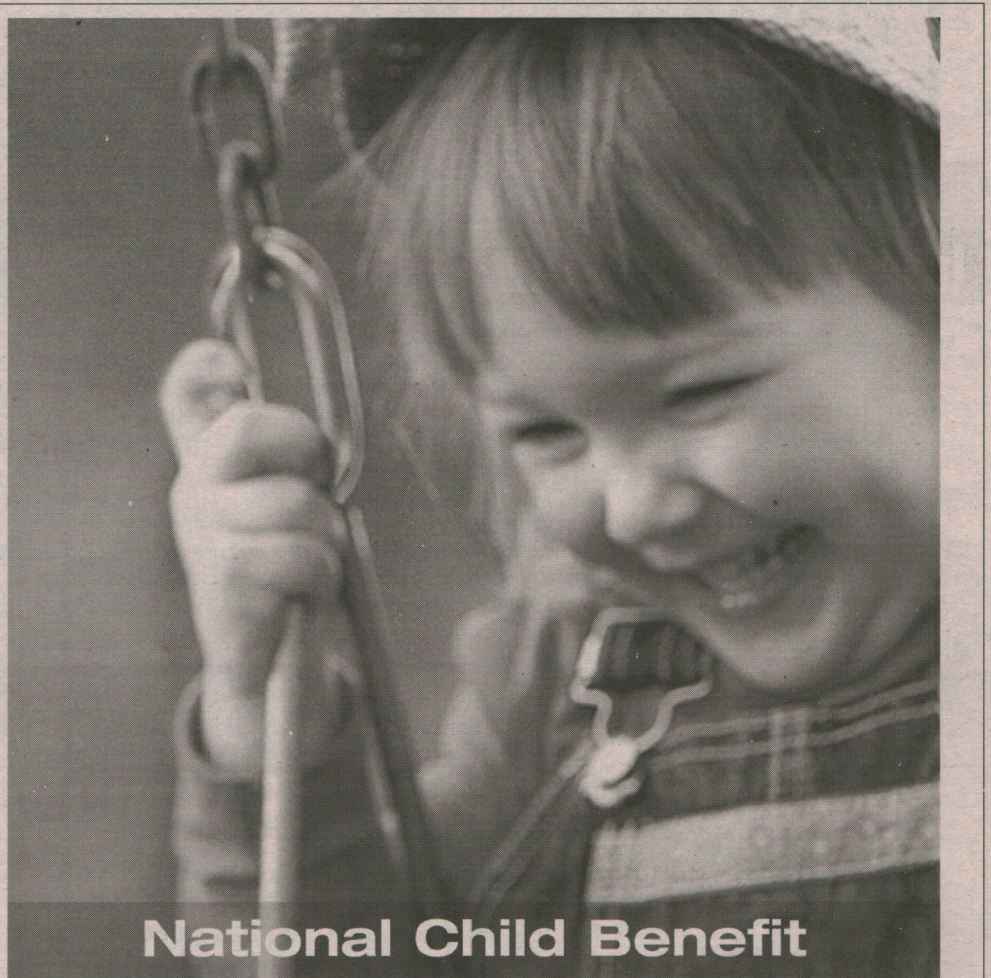
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Keeping Your Vehicle Safe from Auto Theft

Well, it is that time of year again. The weather is warming up and people will be out enjoying themselves, especially after being cooped up in their homes all winter. One of the down sides to the better weather is an increase in crime. This article will discuss protecting your vehicles from auto theft. A survey of stolen vehicles reported to the Military Police since September 2002, indicated that four such incidents occurred. Another three were abandoned within the confines of 17 Wing, Winnipeg. The primary area of these incidents have been found within the South side PMQ's area, namely Doncaster Street and Grenadier Drive. The following information will assist all members of the military to deter would be thieves from stealing their vehicles.

What thieves look for in a car
Unlit areas away from the public view.

Vehicles left running.

Unlocked vehicles.

Vehicles left outside, especially if a garage is available.

Vehicles without any type of anti-theft device.

Valuables found in plain view.

How to keep the thief at bay
Install a motion sensitive light in close proximity to your vehicle's location (persons living in the

PMQs can request this light through the CFHA self help program).

Avoid leaving your vehicle unattended and running for extended periods, especially in the evening. Place all valuables in the trunk so they are out of view.

Purchase an anti-theft device. (I.E.: Steering Wheel Lock (the "Club"), alarm system, and engine disabler/kill switch)

If purchased, ensure you actually use your anti-theft device. Most cases of stolen vehicle, where the owner has stated they purchased the anti-theft device, police have found the device not in use.

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By Jen Sharpe



After being removed from its display on Ness Avenue, the CF-5 Freedom Fighter is loaded on a truck and taken for repainting. The aircraft will return in mid-July with a similar paint job and new display lights.

Don't worry, the CF5 will be back soon.

May 1, the 17 Wing Aircraft Recovery and Salvage Team, under the command of MWO G. Lyon, removed the CF-5 Freedom Fighter displayed on Ness Avenue for much needed repainting. The aircraft, which is painted in the colours of 434 "Bluenose" Sqn, has been displayed on Ness for the past ten years. As a result of harsh Manitoba wind, rain, snow, and sun, it was due for a new paint job.

"Over the past ten years, it's been pretty weather beaten," Wing Heritage Officer Capt Mike Rozak explained. "We have a program to refurbish all of the aircraft in Heritage Park, and this is the one that was in the worst shape so it is being done first."

The Freedom Fighter, one of 14 aircraft displayed in Heritage Park, will be re-

painted by Aero-Coat Industries in St. Andrews, Manitoba. Although the paint job will remain the same, some electrical improvements will be made to the display. "We had the aircraft designed so it could be lit at night, but some vandals damaged the wiring," Capt Rozak said. "We're going to fix that up and try to vandal-proof the display."

The CF-5 was originally built in the 1960's and purchased by Canada for use as a ground attack and photo reconnaissance fighter. "It was also used as the lead-in trainer for CF18 pilots," Capt Rozak explained.

After receiving the new paint job and minor repairs, Rozak estimates that the aircraft should be back on Ness by mid July. "I'd like to reassure people that the aircraft will be back in pristine condition—with lights."



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Coach of the Year – MCpl Wurm



Official of the Year – WCO Lauzon



Team of the Year – Men's Basketball Team

Please See Full Article on Sports Page – (Page 12)

Thanks to all Volunteers

By Jen Sharpe



Male Category Winners: J. Brennan and Ken McLeod. Presented by Melissa Davidson, CRD PSP.



Left to right: Gordon Moore, Sisip; Maj Rick Harris, W Pers Svcs; Don Brennan, MFRC.



Teen Female Winner: Beth Dow Presented by Nicole Johnson, MFRC.



Family Award presented to the Logan Family by CWO Emond and Hon W Comd Ben Van Reuten



Builder Award Winner: Michelle Wohlgemuth. Presented by WComd Col McLennan



Youth Male Winner: Roman Chapell. Presented by Nicole Johnson, MFRC.

Volunteers are vital to the successful operation of many community organizations, including a large number at 17 Wing. On April 25, a volunteer appreciation night was held at the Holiday Inn Airport West to acknowledge the important contributions made over the past year by some 180 local volunteers.

Those nominated for the 2003 Volunteer Awards donated their time at the Chapel, the Library, community recreation clubs, the MFRC, and the United Way. "This is our third annual (awards night), and

this is the biggest it has ever been," Community Recreation Director Melissa Davidson said. "Next year I anticipate a larger event." Open nominations were held throughout March and a cross-base selection committee chose winners.

In the Male Youth category, Zachory Pickford was recognized for his work at the Wing Library. Volunteer Male Teen and Female Teens of the year were Roman Chappell for his dedication to the Chapel and Beth Dow for her help with the Scouts. Two win-

ners were chosen for the Volunteer Male award—John Brennan and Ken McLeod—while the Logan family was awarded Volunteer Family of the year.

The Volunteer Female award was given to Diane Brine for her work at the MFRC, the Chapel, Tattoo, and other community activities. "She has been a tremendous ambassador for our community," Davidson acknowledged. "She's a volunteer for everything."

As founder and long-time member of the Ceramics Club, Michelle

Wohlgemuth received the Builder Award for her exceptional dedication and contributions to the 17 Wing community. The Builder Award is presented to the volunteer who initiates a new program or builds upon a pre-existing one. According to Davidson, Wohlgemuth was recognized because of "her work as one of the founders to build the Ceramics Club and continue promoting it, continue the growth of the program."

Because volunteers are such a vital part of the 17 Wing Community,

Davidson emphasizes the importance of the award ceremony, as sponsored nationally by SISIP. "This is the first time that we've done an event like this—a grand dinner, awards banquet—because of the funding from SISIP that made it possible," she said. The evening, which featured dinner, the awards presentation, and an address by guest speaker Lynn Silver, was casual and family oriented. Master of Ceremonies Barry Burns, an on-air News anchor for CJOB, is in fact a longtime Canadian Forces reservist.

Individuals interested in volunteering for any 17 Wing program or organization should contact Melissa Davidson Com Rec, at 2059, MFRC Coordinator of Volunteers Nicole Johnson at 4507 or Carol Cochrane of the Wing Chaplain at 5087. Davidson stresses, "This is your opportunity to nominate your neighbours for everything that they're doing in our community." Look for the call for nominations for the next awards ceremony in February 2004.

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compliments of Melissa Davidson at Com Rec 17 Wing. Future prizes might include Dark Zone passes, Blue Bomber tickets, movie passes, and other fun stuff for all members of the family.

Look for the ballot in every issue of the Voxair and drop off your entry at the Westwin Community

Centre, room 113A. Pick up the Voxair's following issue to see if you won the featured prize. Be sure to check out every issue of the Voxair, as any unclaimed prizes will remain up for grabs!

So start off your summer on the right foot. Fill out this week's entry ballot and get winning!

First modernized CF-18 stops in Winnipeg

By Lt Jennifer Faubert

PHOTO BY CPL JOHN BRADLEY, 17 WING IMAGERY



The first "Phase I" modernized CF-18 Hornet aircraft stopped in Winnipeg last Thursday enroute to its home base at 4 Wing Cold Lake, Alta. Maj Jason Regenwetter, Commanding Officer of the Fighter Standards and Evaluation Team, flew the aircraft from Ottawa on Wednesday where an unveiling ceremony took place. The Honourable John McCallum, Minister of National Defence, and Major-General Richard Bastien, Assistant Chief of the Air Staff, accepted the aircraft from Boeing International.

Boeing won the \$880-million contract in 2001. It includes procurement and installation of a sophisticated technical upgrade package that will help extend the life of the CF-18 until at

least 2017. Bombardier is doing the installation under sub-contract.

Upgrades include: a new infra-red sensor, night vision imaging system, advanced air-to-air and air-to-ground weapons, a new radar; "Have -Quick" jam-resistant radios; a combined interrogator transponder; stores management systems; mission computers, and embedded global positioning and inertial navigation systems.

Maj Regenwetter was extensively involved in the testing and evaluation process and said that a total of 80 CF-18 Hornet aircraft are undergoing a thorough, mid-life upgrade to ensure that the Canadian Forces have a modern and interoperable fighter fleet for the next 20 years. Various modernization projects are com-

bined in two distinct phases of the overall aircraft modernization program. Phase II is scheduled to start in 2006.

Canada is not the only air force conducting a wholesale upgrade to the Hornet. The Royal Australian Air Force, the United States Marine Corps and the United States Navy are also extending the life of their CF-18s.

CF-18 Modernization is a fiscally responsible and financially feasible method of continuing to provide Canada with a safe, reliable and effective fighter aircraft fleet. It will provide the Canadian Forces with up-to-date equipment, increase Air Force interoperability with our allies and enhance CF flexibility to meet future national and global missions.

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LCol Pratt, W Log O, presented Mr Tim Bates his civilian long service award for 25 years of service. Congratulations and thank you for your service to the country.



Cpl Wayne Boudreau was presented the Trades Person of the Quarter award for his excellent performance within W Tn/Refuelling Flight. Cpl Boudreau also received his safe driving award for fifteen years of accident free driving at the same time. LCol Pratt was assisted by Maj Mosnier.



LCol Pratt presented Driver of the Year award to Cpl Rob Clarke. Cpl Clarke was selected for this award by his peers due to his professionalism and dedication.



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Fitness & Sports Page

Sports Awards honour the best of the best

By Jen Sharpe

It wasn't a Stanley Cup victory lap or an Olympic gold medal presentation, but the 17 Wing Sports Awards Ceremony was still something special for many local athletes. At a casual and informal gathering May 8 at the Airman's Pub, Sports Coordinator Chris Merrithew, along with Honourary Col Van Rueten and Deputy Wing Cmdr LCol. Kerr, honoured a variety of teams and individual athletes for their achievements in intersection and national-level military sports.

At the ceremony, Merrithew praised "those members whose performance both on and off the playing surfaces typifies the qualities of professionalism and sportsmanship," while

LCol Kerr said the awards winners represent "a very vibrant and successful sports program at the Wing."

The presentation began with a comprehensive year in review in which Merrithew acknowledged the achievements of intersection basketball, hockey, curling, volleyball, soccer, fastball, ball-hockey, slow-pitch, badminton, and running athletes.

The first major award was given to "highly motivated" Male Athlete of the Year Cpl Dennis Aube. When Merrithew said, "He was an integral member of the Wing Old Timers hockey team, acting as assistant coach and player," an enthusiastic audience member



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added "and Beer Guy" to Aube's list of accomplishments.

Aube received the award for his performance in the sports of fastball, slow pitch, golf, and hockey. "He's a great participant in intersection sports . . . and loves promoting all sports he partakes in," Merrithew concluded.

The Female Athlete of the Year award was given to MCpl Heather Demchuk for her achievements in women's hockey and her "dedication to the CF sports

program." "Her knowledge and skills have enabled her to pass on tremendous support for the sports she loves," Merrithew said. Demchuk not only played on the 17 Wing Women's Hockey team but also accepted all of its administrative and financial duties.

Both the Old Timers Hockey team and the Men's Basketball team were presented with the Team of the Year award for each of their respective achievements. For their accomplishments at the regional and national

levels, including winning the 2003 CF Championships, the Old Timers were acknowledged for a "stellar season."

And coming off the heels of a similarly stellar season that also ended in a national championship, the Men's Basketball team was also praised. "I think one of the main reasons that Winnipeg won was the very strong defence played and impressive bench strength, a lot of consistent talent," LCol Kerr said. "I mean, their shooting percentage was pretty incredible."

As coach, official, organizer and trainer for the Manitoba Cadet Biathlon Organization, MCpl Wurm received the Coach of the Year award. Merrithew summed up Wurm's choice as coach of the year by saying, "his outgoing and personable attitude has a positive effect on the section."

As "a very conscientious and experienced official," Merrithew presented WCO Lauzon with the Official of the Year award. The Sgt Glen MacLeod Memorial Award, a trophy commending dedication, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship in hockey, was presented to Sgt Sommerfeld.

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Diane was also given a plaque in appreciation of her 10 years of services for the MFRC. Thank you Diane for your outstanding service to the organization. The youth services program are dynamic, creative and so well attended.



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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Unpleasantness appears unavoidable. Learn how to make a quick exit or your willingness to listen to, and accommodate needy or greedy people in an attempt to heal unresolved issues, exacerbates the situation. More attention or money is not what's needed. Look deeper.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Expectations and regrets are tightly bound to your assumptions of what is rightfully yours. Don't assume the blame when it's not yours but be responsible for your actions. Your attitude is a key factor in further progress. Stop worrying about what is fair and just deal with what is.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Keep your own council. Those whom you confide in could be jealous enough to try to spoil your good fortune. You may want to share but this may not be what's good for you in the long run. Consider relocating and connecting with a different circle of friends.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Unhappiness can be overcome if you are willing to determine what's really been going on. In attempting to see only what you wanted to see, you've missed a lot. It's time for a real heart to heart with a loved one. There's a smoother path ahead with only a few small speed bumps.

LEO (July 23 - August 22): Pay attention to the realities of your situation. Your belief that you are the only one capable enough and therefore the one to do the job could lead to your overextending or overexerting yourself. Honestly determine your strengths instead of letting your ego lead.

VIRGO (August 23 - September 22): Accept that some things are taken out of context. People who appear to gain positive public opinion may just be good at self-promotion. Acknowledge the affects of this kind of misrepresentation and of maintaining rules that serve only the self-serving.

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LIBRA (September 23 - October 23): Lost opportunities upset you. You don't like what happened, or having to admit you could have done better or differently. Keep trying. Mistakes and missteps are great teachers. Learn how to work more effectively under pressure, and about cause and effect.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 21): Plagued by unanswered questions and what appears to be meaningless game playing. A sense that what you don't know is being held against you. Being with friends can ease a situation that feels unfair. Don't tip your hand by advertising your next move.

SAGITARIUS (November 22 - December 21): Issues come to a head distracting you from seeing the good in your life. A distorted viewpoint stops you from understanding fully your role in events. Accept that some people have different standards and ambitions. You can't control everything all the time.


CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 19): Apply yourself to your studies if you want to succeed. You may feel like downplaying your achievements to avoid drawing attention to this developmental phase of your life; however, assistance is offered when you share what you are doing with others.

AQUARIUS (January 20 - February 18): Eager to plan your own work, you feel fulfilled when you call the shots. You discover the benefits of living without worry of another's intervention or manipulation, even when it's offered in the form of help. When passion overrules common sense it adds vitality to life.

PISCES (February 19 - March 20): You are asked to show sensitivity and equity to others. You will teach by example. You must not let past injury override your ability to do what must be done. Being a realist means accepting your gifts and your gob-lins.

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